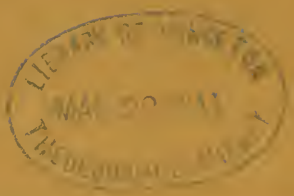

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SYNOD

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

At Liverpool, and within the Philharmonic Hall there, on Tuesday, 13th June, 1876, 12 o'clock noon.

Which time and place the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, and the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England met conjointly, in pursuance of arrangements previously made, for the purpose of consummating the Union between the said Presbyterian Church in England and the Congregations of the said United Presbyterian Church which are situated in England. Synods meet.

The Rev. John Rankine, Minister at Cupar-Fife, and Moderator of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. J. Oswald Dykes, D.D., Minister at Regent Square, London, and Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England, occupied places side by side on the platform. Moderators.

Devotional exercises were engaged in by the Synods, the services being conducted by the respective Moderators. Devotional Exercises.

The Clerks read the Extract Minutes from the Records of the two Synods bearing on the effecting of the Union this day, the tenor whereof is as follows :— Extract Minutes.

Synod Hall, Queen Street, Edinburgh,
16th May, 1876.

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,

The Synod resolve to proceed to the Consummation of Union in England, in accordance with the arrangements made by their Committee.

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Consummation of Union.

The Synod agree to the following Resolutions, suggested by the Committee, in view of consummating the Union :—

Whereas this United Presbyterian Synod has for a considerable number of years sought, in conjunction with other Churches, to heal some of the divisions which have arisen in the Presbyterian Church, and, finding that for the present this cannot be done in Scotland, has directed its attention to the best means of uniting under one ecclesiastical organization the Presbyterian Churches in England :

Whereas negotiations, carried on with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England, have led to the conclusion that it is desirable to manifest and maintain the real unity of the Churches in England and Scotland by their joint recognition of the same Standard and Formula, whilst at the same time, for the purposes of concentrated action, it is necessary that both Churches in England should be united together under one Synod, with separate and independent jurisdiction :

And whereas, with a view to this, a Basis of Union, with a Formula for the ordination or induction of ministers, has been prepared, deliberately discussed, and cordially sanctioned, both by this Synod and by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England, to be accepted by the Synod of the United Church in England :

Therefore this Synod (1) cordially declares its oneness with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England, by reaffirming its acceptance of the same standards, viz., the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, with the qualifications now accepted by the Churches respectively ; (2) gives hereby its full consent to the incorporating Union of its congregations, situated in England, with the said Presbyterian Church in England, on the basis above named, under the separate and independent jurisdiction of one Synod or supreme court,—at the same time earnestly recommending all such congregations to concur in this arrangement ; (3) and resolves to give all practicable effect to those ties of federation which have been already accepted by this Church, so that unity in spirit and in action between the United Presbyterian Church and the United Church, as hereafter to exist in England, may be manifested and maintained.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolutions, the Synod agrees to meet at Liverpool on the 13th day of June, 1876 ; thereafter to hold a conjoint meeting along with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England, in order formally to consummate the Union now resolved upon.

Extracted from Minutes of Synod by

William Beckett, *Synod Clerk.*

At Liverpool, and within Canning Street Church,
3rd May, 1876.

Which time and place the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England convened, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Inter alia,

The Synod sanctions the following as the text of the Basis and Formula for admission of Ministers to be hereafter adopted by the Synod of the United Church as its Basis and Formula :—

BASIS OF UNION FOR THE CHURCH IN ENGLAND.

Basis of Union.

(1.) That the Word of God contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only rule of Faith and Duty.

(2.) That the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms are the Standards of this Church.

(3.) That in subscribing the said Standards the Office-bearers of this Church, while holding the subjection of Civil Rulers, in their own province, to the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, are not required to accept anything in these documents which favours or may be regarded as favouring intolerance or persecution.

(4.) That the Westminster Directory of Worship exhibits generally the order of Public Worship and of the ministration of the Sacraments in this Church.

(5.) That the name of the Church in England shall be "The Presbyterian Church of England," and the Supreme Court of the Church shall be "The Synod (or Assembly) of the Presbyterian Church of England."

FORMULA,

For Use at the Ordination and Induction of Ministers in the Presbyterian Church of England.

Formula.

(1.) Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Duty ?

(2.) Do you sincerely receive and adopt the doctrine of the Westminster Confession of Faith as in accordance with the teaching of Holy Scripture; and do you consent to the said Confession as the Standard by which your teaching in this Church shall be judged; it being understood, in reference to the teaching of this Confession of Faith regarding the duty of Civil Rulers, that—while holding the subjection

of such rulers, in their own province, to the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ—you are not required to accept anything in that document which favours or may be regarded as favouring intolerance or persecution ?

(3.) Are you persuaded that the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, has therein appointed a government distinct from, and not subordinate to, civil government; and do you acknowledge the Presbyterian form of government to be founded on, and agreeable to, the Word of God ?

(4.) Do you promise as a Minister of this Church to be subject to its government, and to take due part in the administration of its affairs; and while cherishing brotherly love towards all the faithful followers of Christ, do you engage to seek the purity, peace, and extension of this Church ?

(5.) Are zeal for the glory of God, love to the Lord Jesus Christ, and a desire to save souls, and not worldly designs or interests, as far as you know your own heart, your great motives and chief inducements to enter * into the office of the Holy Ministry ?

(6.) Do you engage, in the strength and grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master, to live a holy and circumspect life, to rule well your own house, faithfully to discharge all the parts of the ministerial work among this people, to the edifying of the body of Christ, and to be zealous in maintaining the truth of the Gospel, whatever trouble or persecution may arise ?

(7.) And all these things you profess and promise through grace, as you shall be answerable at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, with all His saints, and as you would be accepted of Him at His glorious appearing ?

The Synod agrees that the following be the terms of Federation between the United Church in England and the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland:—

TERMS OF FEDERATION.

Terms of Federation.

That there shall be established between the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church and that of the United Church to be formed in England such a close federal relationship as shall maintain and manifest the unity of the Churches by mutual interest and co-operation

* In Inductions read, "to enter on the discharge in this place of the functions of your sacred office."

to as great an extent as is consistent with separate and independent jurisdiction—such federal relationship not being regarded as relaxing the ties which at present connect the Presbyterian Church in England with the Free Church of Scotland, and with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, but rather as anticipating the time when those ties shall be drawn yet more closely by a common bond embracing all the Churches.

That the proposed relationship between the Churches shall embrace such matters as the following :—

(1.) That each of the Churches shall recognise the status of the Ministers, Elders, Deacons, Probationers, and Members of the other, as if they were its own; and that Ministers and vacant Congregations of the one Church shall be at liberty to obtain supply of Probationers from the other.

(2.) That in reference to Students some arrangement shall be adopted by which, in the meantime, attendance at the Theological Seminary of the one Church shall be accepted by the other, while both Churches shall aim at ultimate assimilation in regard to the Standard and the Methods of Theological Education.

(3.) That each of the Churches shall conduct its own missionary operations, but aim at combined efforts in regard to the same missionary enterprises, so far as that may be found practicable.

(4.) That a certain number of Corresponding Members (not to exceed five per cent. of the congregations of the Church to which they are commissioned) shall be appointed by the Supreme Court of each Church to attend the meetings of the other, with right to deliberate, but not to vote; but any failure in the appointment or attendance of such Commissioners shall not invalidate the proceedings of said Courts.

(5.) That at times to be agreed upon a Council of both Churches shall meet to deliberate on their common interests, and, without exercising legislative or judicial functions, to aid and advise in questions of difficulty and importance that may be submitted to it by either Synod, and that this Council shall consist of an equal number of the constituent members of each Synod to be chosen by the Synods respectively. That the Council shall meet at a convenient time within two years from the date of the Union—the date of subsequent meetings to be as the two Synods may hereafter agree—and that, for the present, said Council shall consist of thirty-five constituent Members of each Synod, to be chosen from time to time as the Synods may determine.

That in order that the proposed relationship between the two Churches may not only draw them more closely together, but may also conduce to the establishment of a closer union among other Presbyterian Churches, the Churches with which negotiations have been carried on in past years be invited to enter into similar federal relationship.

Further, the Synod desires to place on record its devout gratitude to Almighty God for His gracious guidance of both Churches through these negotiations, and for the result which has been happily attained.

The Synod, therefore, adopts the following resolutions :—

Resolutions.

Whereas this Synod has for a considerable number of years sought, in conjunction with other Churches, to heal some of the divisions which have arisen in the Presbyterian Church, and, finding that for the present this cannot be done in Scotland, has directed its attention to the best means of uniting under one ecclesiastical organisation the Presbyterian Churches in England :—

Whereas negotiations carried on with the United Presbyterian Church have led to the conclusion that it is desirable to manifest and maintain the real unity of the Churches in England and Scotland by their recognition of the same Standards and Formula, whilst at the same time, for the purposes of concentrated action, it is necessary that both Churches in England should be united together under one Synod, with separate and independent jurisdiction :—

And whereas, with a view to this, a Basis of Union with a Formula for the ordination or induction of Ministers has been prepared, deliberately discussed, and cordially sanctioned, both by this Synod and by the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, to be accepted by the Synod of the United Church in England :—

Therefore, this Synod (1) cordially declares its oneness with the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, by reaffirming its acceptance of the same Standards, with the qualifications now accepted by the Churches respectively ;—(2) hereby resolves to form an incorporating Union with the Congregations of the United Presbyterian Church situated in England on the Basis above named, under the separate and independent jurisdiction of one Synod or Supreme Court ;—(3) and resolves to give all practical effect to those ties of federation which have been already accepted by this Church, so that unity in spirit and in action

between the United Presbyterian Church and the United Church as hereafter to exist in England, may be manifested and maintained.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolutions the Synod agrees to meet at Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 13th June, 1876; thereafter to hold a conjoint meeting along with the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, in order formally to consummate the Union now resolved upon.

At Liverpool, the 13th of June, 1876.

Which time and place the Synod being again convened, and duly constituted:—

Inter alia,

The Synod called for the Supplementary Report on Union, which was given in by the Moderator, as Convener—the Chair meanwhile being occupied by the Rev. John Reid—showing that the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, at its meeting in Edinburgh on the 17th of May last, passed, by a majority of 373 to 45, resolutions adopting the amended Basis of Union, Terms of Federation, and Formula, and sanctioning the other arrangements already made for the consummation of the Union; and that the said Synod resolved to meet in Liverpool this day, to hold a joint meeting with this Synod, at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose stated.

The Synod receive the Report, and adopt the recommendations therein contained. Further, they resolve to place on record their deep sense of the obligations under which this Church lies to Dr. Dykes, the Convener of the Union Committee, for the Christian prudence and conspicuous ability with which he has, in conjunction with the other brethren, been instrumental under God in bringing this matter to a successful issue.

The Synod accordingly resolve now to adjourn, to meet conjointly with the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in the Philharmonic Hall, for the purpose of consummationg the Union.

Extracted from the Records of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England, by

Wm. McCaw, *Synod Clerk*.

Declaration of Moderator of United Presbyterian Synod.

The Moderator of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church then made the following Declaration :—

As Moderator of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, I hereby, in terms of the Resolutions of that Synod which have been read, declare its oneness with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England, in respect of their adhering to the same doctrinal basis, viz., the Westminster Confession of Faith, with the qualifications accepted by the Churches respectively :

I declare, further, that the Congregations of this Church situated in England, uniting with the Presbyterian Church in England, are hereby declared to be no longer under the jurisdiction of this Synod, but to form part of the body now to be constituted, and hereafter to be known as "The Presbyterian Church of England" :

And, finally, I declare that, in respect of the Congregations aforesaid, the Synod of said body shall be entitled to and vested in all the authority, rights, and benefits to which the United Presbyterian Church is now or may become entitled.

Declaration of Moderator of Synod of Presbyterian Church in England.

The Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England made the following declaration :—

As Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England, I hereby, in terms of the Resolutions of that Synod which have been read, declare its oneness with the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in respect of their adhering to the same doctrinal basis, viz., the Westminster Confession of Faith, with the qualifications accepted by the Churches respectively :

I declare, further, that this Church is hereby united with the Congregations of the United Presbyterian Church situated in England, concurring in this act, to form the United Body now to be constituted, and hereafter to be known as "The Presbyterian Church of England" :

And, finally, I declare that the Synod of said body is entitled to and vested in all the authority, rights, and benefits to which the Presbyterian Church in England has been or may become entitled.

The Basis of Union and Terms of Federation as already read (see pages 8 and 9) were then subscribed by the Moderators and Clerks of the respective Synods. Basis, &c., signed.

The right hand of fellowship was given to one another by the Moderators and Members of the Synods. Right hand of Fellowship.

The Synods engaged in devotional exercises, the brethren being led in prayer by the Rev. Dr. Brown, of Glasgow, and the Rev. Joseph R. Welsh, of Liverpool. Devotional Exercises.

The Moderator of the United Presbyterian Synod then addressed the House, stating that, as the portion of the United Presbyterian Church situated in England, and the Presbyterian Church in England have been incorporated, he congratulated the brethren on the Union effected. He further intimated that the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church would then adjourn till the close of the first Sederunt of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England. Address by Moderator of United Presbyterian Synod.

Thereafter the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Dykes. Synod of Presbyterian Church of England constituted.

The Roll of Synod was made up by the Clerk of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England laying on the table the Roll of the Members of said Synod, and the Clerk of the United Presbyterian Synod submitting a Roll of the Ministers and Representative Elders of those Congregations of that Synod that are resident in England and have resolved to enter into the Union. The Roll is as follows:— Roll of Synod.

MINISTERIAL FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

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Hugh L. Mackenzie	Swatow.	John C. Gibson	Swatow.
William Macgregor	Amoy.	Thomas Barclay	Formosa.
Hugh Ritchie	...Formosa.	David Smith	Formosa.

PRESBYTERY OF BERWICK.

Ministers.	Elders.	Churches.
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David Terras, M.A.		Belford: Columba.
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David Young	John Colville	Chatton.
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George McGuffie	William Tait	Etal.
		Holy Island.
Peter Valence		Horncliffe.
J. Moorhead M'Nair, LL.D.	John Brown	Lowick.
William Haig	James Taylor	Norham: North Church.
George H. Main	Joseph Scott	,, South Church.
William Porteous	Alexander Bruce	Spittal.
Andrew Cant	John Robertson	Tweedmouth.

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Hugh Rose, M.A.	Andrew Smith	Stockton: St. George's.
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Ministers.	Elders.	Churches.
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James Fraser, M.A.	George Young	,, Hamilton.
Alex. M. Symington, B.A.	Alex. H. Whytt	,, St. Andrew's.
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	John Graham	Ramsay.
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	William Just	Sutton.
John J. Muir	Andrew Lockhart	Waterloo.

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John Prentice		Lewes.
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		,, Crouch Hill.
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J. Oswald Dykes, D.D.	Thomas Bell	,, Regent Square.
Robert S. Drummond, D.D.	Alexander Littlejohn	,, St. John's Wood.
Verner M. White, LL.D.	Baron von Streng	,, South Kensington.
Joseph Fisher, D.D.	Mr. John J. Reading	,, Southwark.
William Raitt, Ph.D.	Robert Peter	,, Stepney.
	Alexander Keir	,, Stratford.
John Kelly	Gainsford Bruce	,, Streatham.
David Fotheringham	William Melles	,, Tottenham.
Robert Taylor	Rev. John M. Ross	,, Upper Norwood.
Thomas Howell	Mr. James Watson	,, Victoria Docks.
Dugald MacColl	Alexander Webster	,, Wandsworth.
Walter Morison, D.D.	Joseph Adam	,, Westbourne Grove.
Charles J. Whitmore	Duncan McLarty	,, Whitfield.
William S. Elmslie	Thomas K. Arnott	,, Willesden.
William Ballantyne	Robert H. Pallett	,, Wood Green.
Robert Balgarnie	James McKinlay	,, Woolwich: St. And.
Wm. M. Thomson, Min. *Emeritus*	Alex. L. McDonald	,, ,, New Rd.
John F. Martin, LL.D.	John M. Leitch	Maidstone.
William A. McAllan	Robert Walker	Norwich.
W. Kennedy Moore, D.D.	W. D. Anderson	Portsmouth.
J. T. Campbell Gullan		Reading.
William Aitken, M.A.	John Harvey	Singapore.
	Robert Edridge	Silverhill, Hastings.
John G. Wright, LL.D.	S. Elgar Sloper	Southampton : St. Andrew's.
		,, *Totton.*
Robert Urquhart, M.A.	John Johnstone	,, Woolston.
		Withyham.

PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER.

Ministers.	Elders.	Churches.
Rev. Arthur McArthur	Mr. Robert Watson	Blackburn: Mount Street.
Alex. B. Grosart	James Watson	,, St. George's.
Samuel Prenter, B.A.	James Fulton	Bolton.
Adam G. Russell, M.D.	Henry Gaskaith	Bradford.
Samuel T. Dickinson	William Williams	Crewe.
	William Ainslie	Leeds: Hanover Square.
John Clelland	Thomas Robb	,, St. Columba's.
John K. Craig	John Gilchrist	Manchester: Ancoats.
William T. Johnston, M.A.	Rev. William Forster	,, Bowdon.
William McKerrow, D.D. / W. Rigby Murray	Mr. Thomas Hall	,, Brunswick St.
John Sclater	A. P. Jameson	,, Coupland St.
John A. Gardiner, B.A.	James Maxwell	,, Grosvenor Sq.
	William McFerran	,, Hr Broughton.
James Cunningham, M.A.	William E. Erskine	,, Longsight.
William Morison, M.A.	John Muir	,, Pendleton.
J. Thoburn McGaw, B.A.	James Robb	,, Sale.
John Reid, M.A.	James Arnold	,, Salford.
James Lees	William Lindsay	,, St. Andrew's.
William McCaw (S. C.)	Hugh L. McInnes	,, Trinity.
Charles Moinet, M.A.		,, Withington.
William H. Elliot	Levi Lever	Ramsbottom.
James Cleland	James Parlane	Risley.
Alex. H. Drysdale, M.A.	R. H. Brown	Rochdale.
James Breakey	Albert R. Gill	Sheffield.
John Ferrie	John A. Beith	Stalybridge.
		Tunley.
	James Halliday	Warrington.
John Gordon, M.A.	James McAlpin	Wharton.
Wesley A. Rodger	F. Percy	Wigan.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

Rev. William Ney	Mr. Adam Henderson	Bellingham.
Alexander Baillie	Alexander Young	Blackhill.
Alexander Ewing	John Hedley	Blyth: Bridge Street.
James Craig	H. Soulsby	,, Waterloo Road.
William A. Mitchell	C. Nisbet	Durham.
James W. Miller	William Sutton	Falstone.
David Shearer, M.A.	Laurence H. Armour	Gateshead: Durham Road.
Robert Stewart, M.A.	A. Beattie	,, Ellison Street.
Gavin Malcolm	George Reddell	Hebburn.
J. M. Wilson	T. P. Dodds	Hexham.
James Milligan	John Batey	Houghton-le-Spring.
William Profeit, M.A.	Thomas McGregor	Jarrow.
John C. Weir	William Irvine	,,
Alex. M. Beattie, M.A.	John Hardy	Killingworth.
George Bell / J. B. Hastings, M.A.	George Bell, jun.	Newcastle: Barras Bridge.
Richard Leitch	J. C. Bruce, LL.D.	,, Blackett Street.
		,, *Byker.*
Robert Brown	William Simpson	,, Erskine Church.
David Lowe	W. A. Craig	,, John Knox.
William Fairweather	John Purvis	,, Park Road.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—*Continued.*

Ministers.	Elders.	Churches.
Rev. James G. Potter	Mr. Mark Easton	Newcastle: St. George's.
John B. Meharry, B.A.	John Thorburn	,, Trinity.
John Thompson, M.A.	T. R. Dove	,, Westmrlnd. Rd.
David Tasker	John Hedley	North Shields: Howard St.
	Thomas White	,, Northumberland Sq.
Thomas Robinson	Charles Tate	Seaton Burn.
John Brown	Alexander Purves	Seaton Delaval.
John Parker	G. Hannay	South Shields: East Street.
Sylvester M. McClelland	Jas. C. Stevenson, M.P.	,, Laygate.
William Steele, M.A.	J. L. Hall	,, Mile End Rd.
James Mackenzie	Septimus Oliver	,, St. John's.
William Fisken	James Ray	Stamfordham.
John Morris	W. Taylor	Sunderland: Bethany.
John Black	William Eggleston	,, North Bdge. St.
W. A. Walton, M.A., B.D.	Robert Murray	,, St. George's.
John Matheson	T. Middlemas	,, St. Stephen's.
John Parker	J. Bowie	,, Smyrna.
James S. Rae	William Smith	,, Trinity.
George Samuel	John Gibson	Swalwell.
George Douglas	James Gibson	Walker.
David Wilson	James Aitcheson, M.D.	Wallsend.
Andrew Wilson	William Galbraith	Wark.
	F. Finlay	Wellington Quay.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

Rev. William Limont	Mr. Luke Scott	Alnwick: Clayport Street.
David Donaldson	James Heatley	,, Lisburn Street.
Archibald Craig	James Muckle	,, St. James's.
Alexander Forsyth	John Storey	Bavington.
Ebenezer G. Dall	Watson Philips	Bedlington.
Thomas Newlands	George Waddell	Birdhopecraig.
James Blythe, M.A.	John Hall	Branton.
William Ross	Gilbert Turnbull	Embleton.
A. Scott Macpherson	Thomas Mack	Felton.
Robert H. Davidson	Alexander Anderson	Glanton.
John Scott	John Shaw	Harbottle.
William R. Barrie	Rev. S. Cathcart, D.D.	Longframlington.
James Anderson, D.D.	Mr. William S. Wilkinson	Morpeth.
Findlay E. McGillivray	William Brown	Newbiggin.
Allan Wilson	George Anderson	North Middleton.
William Dunn	Robert Lockhart	North Sunderland: West Ch.
George Henderson	Henry Burn	,, East Ch.
Robert P. Douglas	Robert R. Hall	Otterburn.
David S. Fergus, M.A.	G. S. Thompson	Thropton.
William Addison	James R. Robertson	Warenford.
William Rogerson	Walter Tait	Warkworth.
Matthew Edwards, M.A.	Dr. Leone Levi	Widdrington.
James L. Muirhead	Mr. Robert Jobson	Wooler: Cheviot Street.
Peter White	James Archbold	,, Tower Hill.
James A. Huie	William Duncan	,, West Chapel.

Moderator chosen.

The Synod proceeded to elect a Moderator, when the Rev. James Anderson, D.D., Minister at Morpeth, was nominated for the office. The nomination was unanimously approved of, and Dr. Anderson, by desire of the House, took the Chair.

Clerk and Treasurer chosen.

The Synod made choice of the Rev. William McCaw, of Manchester, as its Clerk, and Mr. James Watson, of London, as its Treasurer. These brethren expressed their gratitude, indicated their acceptance of the respective offices, and promised faithfully to discharge the functions thereof.

Basis, Terms of Federation, and Formula adopted.

There were read the Basis of Union, the Terms of Federation, and the new Formula as already recorded. (See pages 8 and 9.)

The Members of the Synod stood whilst these documents were being read, and at the close, on the call of the Moderator, declared, by holding up the right hand, their adoption thereof.

Moderator's Address.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod in suitable terms.

Praise.

The Synod sang a hymn of praise to the Lord.

Standing Orders.

The Standing Orders hitherto in use in the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England were adopted by the United Synod *ad interim*, and were held as read.

Rev. Dr. Graham.

The Synod took up an Application from the Rev. Dr. Graham and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Shaw Street, Liverpool, to be received into the United Church.

Papers in the case having been read, it was moved, seconded, and cordially agreed to—The Synod, having heard the Application of the Rev. John Graham, D.D., and the Reformed Presbyterian Congregation of Shaw Street, Liverpool, to be received into the fellowship of this Church, grant the Application with cordial satisfaction, rejoice in this further healing of the divisions of Zion, appoint the Minister and Congregation of Shaw Street to be incorporated with the Presbytery of Liverpool, and instruct that the names of the Minister and the Session's Representative Elder be added to the Roll of the Synod.

Thereafter the Moderator gave to Dr. Graham the right hand of fellowship.

The Synod then gladly received the congratulations of Sister Churches. Congratulations.

A telegram from the President of the Methodist New Connexion Conference, assembled at Dewsbury, was read in the following terms :— Methodist New Connexion.

The Methodist New Connexion Conference now sitting sends fraternal greetings to the Presbyterian Churches now assembled in Liverpool, and congratulates them on the Union being consummated to-day.

The Synod receive this communication with cordiality, acknowledge with brotherly affection the greetings of the Methodist New Connexion Conference, and wish them much success in their labours in the cause of their common Master.

There appeared the Rev. Charles M. Birrell and the Rev. Richard Green, presenting an address signed by forty of the Nonconformist Ministers of Liverpool (most of whom were present), and congratulating the Synod on the Union effected. Nonconformist Ministers.

Dr. Gee and Mr. John Roberts represented the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church, and conveyed to the Synod her salutations. Welsh Calvinists.

The Synod receive with lively satisfaction the Representatives of the Nonconformist Churches of Liverpool, and record their cordial thanks for their presence here this day, and for the address they have presented. The Synod further record the pleasure which they have experienced from the presence of the esteemed Deputies from the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists, and thank them for their friendly greetings and congratulations, and request them to convey to the Church which they represent the assurance of the warm affection with which this Church regards them, and of the deep interest which it will continue to take in their work and welfare. Finding.

The Moderator then addressed the members of these Deputations in terms of brotherly affection.

The Synod reserve the reception of other Deputations till the Evening Sederunt.

The Synod resolve to observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper Lord's Supper.

to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock in the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church.

Adjournment. The Synod then adjourned, to meet again this evening at seven o'clock; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with praise and prayer.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

At Liverpool, and within the Philharmonic Hall, the 13th June, 1876, 7 *o'clock* P.M.

Constituted Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with devotional exercises.

Deputations. The Synod proceeded to receive Deputations from the Free Church of Scotland, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

Free Church. There was read an Extract Minute from the Records of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, expressive of their lively interest in the work and progress of this Church, and of the satisfaction with which they had received the Deputation from the late Synod.

An Extract Minute from the Records of the Assembly Arrangements Committee was also read, bearing that that Committee, by authority of the Assembly, had appointed the Rev. Thomas M'Lauchlan, LL.D., Minister at Edinburgh and Moderator of Assembly; William H. Goold, D.D., Minister at Edinburgh; with Mr. J. Rowatt and Mr. Niel C. Campbell, Sheriff of Ayrshire, Ruling Elders, a Deputation to attend this Synod and convey the Assembly's congratulations.

All the members of the Deputation were present, and Dr. M'Lauchlan, in their name, was introduced and addressed the Synod.

Irish Presbyterian Church. There was laid on the table an Extract Minute from the Records of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, appointing the Rev. Richard Smyth, D.D., Professor in Magee College, Londonderry; the Rev. John Dodd, Minister at Newry; and Mr.

William Carmichael, Elder, a deputation to express the Assembly's salutations on this auspicious occasion.

Professor Smyth and Mr. Dodd were present, and addressed the House.

There was also present the Rev. D. M'Donald, D.D., a Deputy from the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, who conveyed the greetings of said Church to the Synod. Church of Victoria.

The Synod desire to express the great satisfaction with which they have received the Deputations from the Free Church of Scotland, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, most cordially thank them for the addresses which they have delivered, and the congratulations on the Union this day consummated which they have conveyed; and most earnestly desire that the fraternal wishes and prayers for the prosperity of this Presbyterian Church of England which they have expressed, may return in abundant blessing on all the Churches which they have represented on this occasion. Finding.

The Moderator then addressed the Deputations in terms of fraternal kindness.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That this Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England resolves to put on record its humble and devout gratitude to Almighty God for the Union this day formed; as also for His blessing granted to both Churches in the past, and for the singular harmony into which, by His grace, they have now been brought. Resolutions—First.

It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That, in order to afford to all Members and Friends of this Church an opportunity of acknowledging the Divine goodness in the completion of the said Union, the Synod resolves to initiate a fund as a memorial of this day's event, to be called "The Union Thanksgiving Fund," to be devoted to any or all of the following purposes, at the option of donors, namely, the assistance of Congregations in the liquidation of debt; the stimulus of Church extension in England; the promotion of theological education; and the support of Foreign or Jewish Missions, under the direction of the Synod; and appoints a Committee, with instructions to take such steps as it may judge expedient for inviting individual or congregational contributions to the said Fund. Second.

Third. It was moved, seconded, and resolved—That the Presbyterian Church of England, recognising in this Union a special call from her Divine Head, resolves, in dependence on the Holy Spirit, to prosecute her great work of spreading at home and abroad the Gospel of His grace; and further, while desiring union with sister Churches wherever practicable, resolves in harmony with all Evangelical Christians, to labour for the diffusion and defence of revealed truth, and the building-up of a Scriptural Church.

Committees. The following Committees were then appointed:—

1.—On the Order of Business.—*Ministers.*—Revs. Robert H. Lundie, Dr. Chalmers, William Graham, Thomas W. Brown, Dr. Davidson, Dr. Fraser, James Muir, Dr. Dykes, Robert Black, Dr. Wright, John Reid, James Towers, John Black, Dr. Edmond, J. P. Thompson, and the Synod Clerk; *Elders*—Messrs. Samuel Stitt, A. P. Jamison, George Duncan, W. P. Sinclair, A. J. Malcolm, Robert Lockhart, Hugh M. Matheson, James Watson, and James C. Stevenson. *Convener*, Rev. Dr. Edmond; *Clerk*, Rev. R. H. Lundie.

2.—On the Re-arrangement of Presbyteries.—The Members of the Union Committees, with the Revs. W. Rigby Murray and J. Sclater; and Mr. Sinclair, *Elder*. *Convener*, Rev. Dr. Dykes.

3.—On the Selection of Standing Committees.—The Conveners of Standing Committees, with the Clerks of former United Presbyterian Presbyteries, namely, Revs. James Muir, Dr. Edmond, James Christie, W. Rogerson; and with the addition of the following brethren—Revs. W. Limont, George Bell, Dr. Macleod, and W. Boyd; and Messrs. Samuel Stitt and F. J. Horniman, *Elders*. *Convener*, Rev. James Muir.

Adjournment. The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock, in Mount Pleasant Church, for the observance of the Lord's Supper; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

At Liverpool, and within Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church,
On Wednesday, 14th June, 1876, 11 o'clock A.M.

Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with devotional exercises. Constituted.

The Synod proceeded to the observance of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, the Moderator conducting the service, assisted by the Revs. Dr. Young, William Graham, Dr. M'Kerrow, and Dr. Wright. Lord's Supper.

The solemn service being concluded, the Synod adjourned, to meet again at Two o'clock; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer. Adjournment.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

At Liverpool, and within Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church,
On Wednesday, 14th June, 1876, 2 o'clock P.M.

Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer. Constituted.

The Minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were read and sustained. Minutes sustained.

A statement was made to the effect that a few friends in London have presented a copy of Professor Lorimer's work entitled "John Knox and the Church of England," to each of the Ministers of this Church. Presentation.

The Synod receive the statement with satisfaction, and agree to record their thanks to the generous donors, specially to Mr. George B. Bruce, who has taken a special and lively interest in this presentation.

The Synod having had reported to them the fact of the lamented death of the Rev. John Kelly, of Liverpool, resolve, in respect to the Funeral of Rev. J. Kelly.

memory of this devoted Minister, to appoint a Deputation to attend his funeral to-morrow, the Deputation to consist of the Rev. J. R. Welsh, Rev. R. H. Lundie, with Messrs. Samuel Stitt and Robert Lockhart, *Elders*.

Methodist New Connexion.

There was laid on the table the formal Minute from the Records of the Methodist New Connexion Conference; and Dr. Dykes and Mr. Samuel Stitt were appointed a Committee to draw up a suitable acknowledgment, and report to a subsequent Sederunt.

Order of Business.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Order of Business, which was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Edmond, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and resolve to proceed with the business in the order therein suggested.

Re-arrangement of Presbyteries.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the question of the re-arrangement of Presbyteries, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener, on whose motion the Synod resolve that the following be the arrangement of the Presbyteries of the Church, namely:—[*See Roll of Synod.*]

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again this evening at half-past Six o'clock; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

At Liverpool, and within Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, On Wednesday, 14th June, 1876, *Half-past* 6 *o'clock* P.M.

Constituted.

Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with devotional exercises.

Hull, Derby, &c.

There was laid on the table and read an Extract Minute from the Records of the Home Committee of the United Presbyterian Synod's

Board of Missions, in relation to the Congregations of Hull and Derby, and to the arrangement for the payment of a fixed sum by the United Presbyterian Church in favour of other aid-receiving Congregations in England.

Dr. Scott was heard in explanation of the Minute.

The Synod receive with much satisfaction the statement made by Dr. Scott, and, with a deep sense of gratitude for the generosity manifested by the United Presbyterian Synod, remit the cases specially referred to in the Minute and in Dr. Scott's statement to the Committee to whose care the money shall be entrusted.

Presbyteries to meet.

The Synod proceeded to fix the time and place of the first meeting of each of the Presbyteries, as follows :—

Berwick.—4th July, 12 o'clock noon, in Wallace Green Church.

Birmingham.—23rd June, 2 o'clock p.m., in Broad Street Church, Birmingham.

Bristol.—4th July, 3 o'clock p.m., Bristol.

Carlisle.—20th June, 1 o'clock p.m., in Fisher Street Church.

Darlington.—28th June, 11 o'clock a.m., in Darlington Church.

Liverpool.—19th June, 3 o'clock p.m., in Mount Pleasant Church.

London.—27th June, 4 o'clock p.m., in Regent Square Church.

Manchester.—26th June, 4 o'clock p.m., in Brunswick Street Church.

Newcastle.—20th June, 11 o'clock a.m., in Blackett Street Church.

Northumberland.—27th June, 11 o'clock a.m., in Clayport Street Church, Alnwick.

The Synod further appoint that the oldest Minister present at the time fixed be the Moderator for the day.

Thanksgiving Fund.

There were laid on the table the Minutes of a Conference held to consider what practical steps should be taken with regard to the proposed Thanksgiving Fund, and Mr. James C. Stevenson was heard in explanation thereof.

The Synod resolve, in terms of the suggestions made by the Conference—That an Executive Committee be appointed, with its head-quarters in Liverpool, with directions to organise local committees in each Presbytery to carry out the objects of the Fund; that the sum

to be aimed at be £250,000, with the option of extending payment over five years; that opportunity be given to donors to designate the specific objects to which their gifts may be devoted; and that the following be the Committee—namely, Messrs. Samuel Stitt, Robert Lockhart, Thomas Matheson, Alexander Brown, Stephen Williamson, Thomas Holder, William P. Sinclair, James C. Stuart, John A. Beith, and Thomas Hall; *Joint Conveners*, Mr. Samuel Stitt and Mr. Thomas Matheson. Further, the Synod instruct Presbyteries and Sessions to give their cordial aid to such arrangements as the Committee may propose for evoking the liberality of the Church at large.

Christian giving.

A statement was made by the Rev. Dr. Mackay on the subject of Christian giving; and on his motion—The Synod endorse the action of the late Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England in the appointment of a Committee to promote this object, instructing said Committee to issue an address on the subject to the Congregations of the Church.

Synod Fund.

The Synod considered a proposal made by the Synod Treasurer for the appointment of a Synod Fund, and resolved as follows—That a fund for the purpose of defraying the necessary charges for conducting the business of the Supreme Court, and also for contributing to the travelling expenses of its members, be established, and that Mr. James Watson be appointed Treasurer; with instructions to the Clerks of Presbyteries to afford him such assistance in the administration of the Fund as he may require. To meet this expenditure the Synod assess the Presbyteries on the following scale, each Presbytery to apportion the amount to each Congregation, reporting to the Treasurer of the Synod Fund before the 1st of February in each year, namely—

	£		£
Berwick	30	Liverpool	180
Birmingham	40	London	300
Bristol	20	Manchester	140
Carlisle	30	Newcastle	150
Darlington	30	Northumberland	80

And further, the Synod authorise the Treasurer to pay a contribution towards the travelling expenses of Members at the rate of twopence per mile, calculated on the scale of the Clearing House, from the residence

of the Members to the seat of the Synod, with 10s. additional in each case.

Next Synod.

The Synod resolved that the next meeting of Synod be held in Regent Square Church, London, and remitted to the Committee on Business to fix the time, with instructions to report at to-morrow morning's Sederunt.

Distribution of Probationers.

The Synod called for the Report on the Distribution of Probationers, which was given in by the Rev. James Muir. The Synod resolve—That, in the meantime, the practice hitherto followed by the several Congregations in the two Churches now united, both as to the source and mode of the supply of Probationers, continue to be observed, and appoint a Committee to take the subject into consideration, and report to next Synod; the Committee to consist of—[*See Appendix*].

Memorial Minute.

The attention of the Synod being called to the lamented death of the Rev. Dr. Eadie, of Glasgow, the Synod appoint a Committee—Dr. MacEwan, Convener—to prepare a Memorial Minute with reference thereto, to be entered on the Records of the House, the Committee to report to a subsequent Sederunt.

Formula for Elders and Deacons.

The Synod called for the Report on the Formula for the Ordination or Induction of Elders and Deacons, which was given in by Dr. Dykes, who laid on the table drafts of the Formulæ proposed.

The Synod receive the Report, and adopt the Formulæ as follow:—

FORMULA FOR THE ORDINATION OR INDUCTION OF ELDERS.

Elders.

(1.) Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only Rule of Faith and Duty?

(2.) Do you sincerely receive and adopt the doctrine of the Westminster Confession of Faith as in accordance with the teaching of Holy Scripture; and do you consent to the said Confession as the Standard by which the public teaching within this Church shall be judged, it being understood, in reference to the teaching of the Confession of Faith regarding the duty of civil rulers, that, while holding the subjection of

such rulers in their own province to the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, you are not required to accept anything in that document which favours, or may be regarded as favouring, intolerance or persecution ?

(3.) Are you persuaded that the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, has therein appointed a government distinct from, and not subordinate to, civil government; and do you acknowledge the Presbyterian form of government to be founded on, and agreeable to, the Word of God?

(4.) Do you promise, as an Elder of this Church, to be subject to its government, and to take due part in the administration of its affairs; and, while cherishing brotherly love towards all the faithful followers of Christ, do you engage to seek the purity, peace, and extension of this Church ?

(5.) Do you engage, in the strength and grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master, to live a holy and circumspect life, to rule well your own house, and faithfully to discharge the duties of the Eldership among this people, to the edifying of the body of Christ?

(6.) And all these things you profess and promise through grace, as you shall be answerable at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, with all His saints, and as you would be accepted of Him at His glorious appearing ?

FORMULA FOR THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS.

Deacons. (1.) Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only Rule of Faith and Duty ?

(2.) Do you sincerely receive and adopt, as in accordance with Holy Scripture, the system of Evangelical doctrine taught in this Church and contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith ?

(3.) Do you engage, in the strength and grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master, to rule well your own house, and faithfully to discharge the duties of the Deacon's office among this people?

Adjournment. The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at Eleven o'clock; whereof public intimation having been given, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

At Liverpool, and within Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church,
On Thursday, 15th June, 1876, 11 *o'clock* A.M.

Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with devotional exercises. Constituted.

The Minutes of yesterday's sederunt were read and sustained. Minutes sustained.

The Synod called for the Supplementary Report of the Business Committee, which was given in by the Rev. R. H. Lundie, Clerk of the Committee; and the Synod resolved to proceed in terms thereof. Business.

A telegram from the Evangelical Society, Geneva, addressed to the Moderator, was read in the following terms:—The Evangelical Society, Geneva, assembled to-day, congratulate the Presbyterian Church of England on its Union, and pray God to grant a long and prosperous existence. Evangelical Society, Geneva.

The Synod receive the congratulation with lively satisfaction, and instruct the Moderator and Dr. Dykes to transmit a suitable reply.

The Synod appoint Dr. Dykes, Dr. Edmond, Dr. MacEwan, and Rev. Robert Black—Mr. Black, *Convener*—a Committee to draw up a loyal address to the Crown, embodying a statement of the principles of the Presbyterian Church of England. Address to the Queen.

The Synod appoint a Committee to transmit by telegram to the Lancashire and Cheshire Association of Baptist Churches, now sitting at Colne, the expression of their brotherly regard, and their prayer that the blessing of God may rest upon the Association and all the Churches which it represents—the Moderator and Dr. Dykes to be the Committee. Baptist Church.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Forms of Procedure in Sessions, Presbyteries, and on the Standing Orders of Synod, which was given in by Dr. Dykes, on whose motion the Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof resolve as follows:— Forms of Procedure, &c.

(*a*) That the appointment of Representative Elders to Presbyteries shall be made by Sessions at the earliest convenient time after the rising of each Synod; and that for the present year the Commissions of Elders to former Presbyteries of either body be considered valid until new appointments be made.

(*b*) That they be acting Members of the Sessions which they represent.

(*c*) That in respect to the mode in which their appointment shall be laid before the Presbyteries, the practice hitherto followed in each Church shall be observed until the Synod shall review and modify the same.

(*d*) That the appointment of Representative Elders to the Synod be made at a convenient time before the meeting thereof.

(*e*) That said Representatives be Members of the Sessions which they represent, or Members of other Sessions within the Church.

(*f*) That notice of said appointment be sent to the Clerk of the Synod within eight days before the meeting thereof, in the form of a duly certified Commission, as set forth above, and forwarded either directly to the Synod Clerk or through the Presbyteries.

(*g*) That the receipt of Commissions as aforesaid be sufficient authority to the Clerk of the Synod for placing the names on the roll thereof; and that the Commissions sent directly to the Synod Clerk be referred to a Special Committee for examination and report.

(*h*) That in reference to procedure in the moderation of Calls and the Ordination of Ministers, the Synod advise that the Rules and Forms hitherto in use in the United Presbyterian Church be *generally* observed *ad interim;* and that the Synod shall appoint a Committee to consider the whole subject of the Forms of Procedure in Church Courts, and to report—this Committee to be the Law and Historical Documents Committee.

Presbytery Records.

The Synod proceeded to consider the question of Presbytery Records and other official documents, when it was agreed as follows:—

1. Instruct the Clerks of former Presbyteries to hand over the Presbytery books and other official documents to the Clerks of the new Presbyteries.

2. Remit to the Publications Committee to take steps to secure that uniformity be observed throughout all the Presbyteries of the Church in

the form and size of books for Presbytery Records, and of stationery for all official documents.

3. Remit to the same Committee to consider the subject of duplicate Minutes of Presbyteries.

Memorial Volume.

It was further agreed as follows—That it be remitted to the Committee on Publications to prepare and publish a Memorial Volume of the events of the Union and the negotiations connected therewith, of such a form and at such a time as they deem best.

Selection Committee.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Selection of the Members of Standing Committees, which was given in by the Rev. James Muir, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and resolve that the following be the Committees of the Church for the ensuing year :—[*See Appendix*].

Principles on which Committees are to act.

The Synod moreover resolve that the Committees now appointed be instructed to have respect in their administration to the general principles and regulations hitherto in force in the corresponding Committees of the Presbyterian Church in England.

Representative Members.

In regard to the number of representative members to be sent by the various Presbyteries to the Standing Committees, the Synod appoint that the Presbyteries of London and Newcastle send three each ; that Northumberland, Liverpool, and Manchester send two each ; and that Carlisle, Birmingham, Bristol, Berwick, and Darlington send one each.

Remit to Finance Committee.

Further, the Synod remit to the Finance Committee to consider the composition, selection, object, and work of the Committees of the Synod, with instructions to Presbyteries to send to said Committee any suggestions they may have to make on the subject.

M. Theodore Neckar.

There was laid on the table a Commission from the Evangelical Society of Geneva in favour of M. Theodore Neckar as their representative to this Synod.

M. Neckar, being present, was introduced, and addressed the House.

The Synod receive the respected Deputy with much satisfaction, have heard his address with pleasure, reciprocate the sentiments of brotherly affection he has expressed, and request the Moderator to convey to him their Christian salutations.

The Moderator then addressed the Deputy in terms of fraternal greeting.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to draft an Address to the Queen, which was given in by Dr. Edmond, who laid on the table a draft of said Address.

Address to Queen.

The Synod receive the Report, approve of the draft, and instruct that it be duly extended, subscribed by the Moderator and Clerk in name of the Synod, and presented to Her Majesty through the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Widows and Orphans Fund.

A statement was made by Mr. Thomas Matheson, Treasurer of the Widows and Orphans Fund, on whose motion the Synod resolve as follows :—

(1.) That the Widows and Orphans Fund as now instituted be available for all the Ministers who have now joined from the United Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, but that their becoming members of the Fund be optional.

(2.) That the terms on which the payments to the Fund by such Ministers shall be regulated be determined after information as to the numbers desiring to become members, their circumstances, and the opinion of an actuary being obtained.

(3.) That Messrs. Samuel Stitt, W. P. Sinclair, and Arch. Tweedie, of Liverpool, be associated with the Committee of the Widows and Orphans Fund, to consider the terms on which Ministers of present charges desirous of availing themselves of the option shall be admitted, and to recommend some plan to the next Synod.

(4.) That, pending such arrangement being arrived at, the Ministers who may be inducted to charges formerly connected with the United Presbyterian and Reformed Churches shall not be affected by the Rules of the Fund.

Dr. Eadie.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to prepare a Memorial Minute relative to the death of the Rev. Dr. Eadie, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. MacEwan, who laid on the table a draft of said Minute.

The Synod receive the Report, approve of said draft, and resolve that it be engrossed on the Synod's Records as follows :—

The Synod desire to record their profound sympathy with the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, to which they stand in such happy federal relations, in the great loss sustained by that and other Churches through the lamented death of the Rev. Dr. Eadie, whose abilities as a Professor in Theology were so varied and distinguished, and whose life and labours did so much to foster high Biblical scholarship, and to promote in this and other lands sound views of Bible truth. The Synod tender this expression of their sympathy the more earnestly that they feel the loss has been enhanced by the present position of the Theological Hall to which Dr. Eadie contributed such strength, and which has just been placed on a new and enlarged basis; and they earnestly express the hope that the Great Head of the Church may, out of His gracious resources, provide a successor who shall efficiently carry forward the work which Dr. Eadie so ably advanced by his prolonged and valued labours.

Further, the Synod appoint that a copy of the above Minute be forwarded to the widow and family of the deceased father, and to the Session of Lansdowne Congregation.

Third Theological Chair.

The Convener of the College Committee having announced that an anonymous friend has offered to provide the funds for the establishment of a third Chair, the Synod resolve to place on record their deep sense of the generosity thus evinced, and instruct the College Committee to consider the changes this may require in the teaching arrangements, and report to next Synod.

Time of next Synod.

The Synod called for the Report of the Business Committee in regard to the time of the next meeting of Synod, which was given in by the Convener. The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof appoint the next meeting to be held within Regent Square Church, London, as already resolved on, on the Fourth Monday of April, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-seven Years, at Six o'clock p.m.; remitting it to the London Presbytery to make the necessary arrangements.

Welsh Calvinistic Church.

The Synod resolve that, inasmuch as the appointment of a Deputation by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England to visit the General Assembly of the Welsh Calvinistic Church has now

lapsed, this Synod, instead thereof, request the Moderator to address a letter in their name to the said Assembly, assuring them of the fraternal sympathy of the Presbyterian Church of England, and of their desire to maintain cordial relations with the Welsh Church.

English Synod of Church of Scotland.

The Synod resolve to send a Deputation to the next meeting of the Synod of the Church of Scotland in England; the Deputation to consist of the Rev. Dr. Fraser, the Rev. William Graham, and Mr. George B. Owen, *Elder*.

Methodist Conference.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to prepare a reply to the letter of congratulation from the Conference of the Methodist New Connexion, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, who submitted draft of reply.

The Synod receive the Report, approve of the draft, and order it to be signed by the Moderator, and duly forwarded to the Conference.

Nomination of Moderators.

The Synod considered the question of the best mode of nominating the Moderators of the Synod in future.

The Synod resolve to appoint a Committee to take the subject into further consideration, and report to next Synod; the Committee to consist of the ex-Moderators for the past five years of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England, and of the English Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, the Moderator to be Convener.

Thanks to Union Committees.

The Synod resolve to record their cordial thanks to the Union Committees of the United Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in England, especially to the two Conveners, Drs. Young and Dykes, and the two Secretaries, Dr. Scott and Mr. Reid, for the wisdom and ability with which the negotiations had been conducted; also to the Rev. William Graham, Convener of the Union Committee of the English Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, and to the Moderator, who was formerly Convener of the Union Committee of the Presbyterian Church in England.

Deputations to Churches.

The Synod resolve that the Deputations appointed by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England to Churches on the Continent have their Commissions so altered as to appear in the name of the

Presbyterian Church of England; and they add the name of the Rev. William Graham to each of said Deputations.

Intercourse with other Churches.

The Synod resolve to appoint a Committee for intercourse with other Churches; the Committee to consist of—[*See Appendix*].

Moneys from United Presbyterian Church.

The Synod appoint that the moneys contributed out of the funds of the United Presbyterian Church during the first five years after the Union, for the assistance of aid-receiving Congregations in England shall be payable to the Home Mission Committee, and by them disbursed to the Congregations concerned.

Thanks.

The Synod record their thanks to the Committee in Liverpool for the admirable arrangements they have made for the accommodation of the Synod, especially in connection with the meeting in the Philharmonic Hall; to the Christian families in Liverpool and the neighbourhood, for the kind hospitality they have manifested to the Members of the House; and to the Minister and other Office-bearers of Mount Pleasant Church, for the use by their Church and other premises during the sittings of the Court.

Minutes sustained.

The Minutes of this day's Sederunt were read and sustained, and ordered to be attested with the other Records, by the Moderator and Clerk.

Close.

The Synod having now, in the good providence of God, brought its business to a close, was addressed by the Moderator, who declared this Synod closed, and indicted the next Synod to be held, as already resolved on, within Regent Square Church, London, on the Fourth Monday of April, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-seven Years, at Six o'clock p.m.

The proceedings were terminated with praise and prayer.

Signed, in name and by authority of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, by

JAMES ANDERSON, D.D., *Moderator.*

WILLIAM McCAW, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

COMMITTEES.

1.—HOME MISSION.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Mr. R. Black	Mr. J. T. McGaw	Rev. John M. Ross	Mr. T. Matheson
W. McCaw	T. Macpherson	Mr. Cumming Andrews	J. McDiarmid
J. Cunningham	Dr. Macleod	W. Baldwin	R. McEwan
J. A. Gardiner	Mr. C. Moinet	D. Bannerman	H. L. McInnes
J. Gordon	W. Morison	R. Barbour	J. Robb
David Henderson	J. J. Muir	H. Coubrough	James Smith (New Brighton)
H. T. Howatt	A. B. Muir	A. T. Harden	S. Stitt
W. T. Johnston	Jas. Muir	R. Lockhart	R. Sumner
Geo. Johnstone	J. Reid		
Jas. Lees	J. Sclater		
Geo. Lewis	A. M. Symington		
R. H. Lundie	Jas. Towers		

Along with Representatives from Presbyteries, namely :—

Rev. George Bell	Rev. William Steel
John Brown	H. Rose

CONVENERS : Revs. W. McCaw and W. R. Murray. TREASURER : Mr. R. Lockhart. AUDITORS : Messrs. T. Matheson and J. McDiarmid.

2.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Dr. R. S. Drummond	Mr. T. Howell	Mr. W. D. Anderson	Mr. J. M. Leitch
J. O. Dykes	D. MacColl	W. A. Boulnois	A. J. Malcolm
D. Fraser	J. Matheson	Gainsfd. Bruce	D. Matheson
P. Lorimer	A. J. Murray	W. Carruthers	W. Melles
D. MacEwan	R. Taylor	G. Duncan	Jas. Morton (Clapham)
W. Morison	C. J. Whitmore	A. Hewan, M.D.	D. G. Simpson
V. M. White	R. Urquhart	J. Johnstone	A. P. Stewart, M.D.
Mr. T. W. Brown	Rob. Balgarnie	Alex. Keir	L. Stewart
G. Carlyle	J. M. Erskine	C. Kynoch	W. Tulloch
W. Dinwiddie	A. W. Carmichael	J. Lamont	R. T. Turnbull
G. Elder		J. Leech	J. Watson
		A. Leslie	A. Young

Along with Representatives from Presbyteries, namely :—

Rev. John Black.	Mr. William Sutton.
John Thompson	Henry Coubrugh
Dr. Graham	Thomas Hall
John A. Gardiner	

CONVENER : Mr. H. M. Matheson. SECRETARY : Rev. W. Ballantyne. TREASURERS : Messrs. J. E. Mathieson and John Bell. AUDITORS : Messrs. A. M. Macnicol and J. Lawrie.

3.— JEWISH MISSION.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Dr. Boyd	Mr. A. W. Carmichael	Mr. W. D. Anderson	Mr. D. Matheson
Thain Davidson	J. Matheson	T. Arnott	J. E. Mathieson
Drummond	G. Elder	T. Bell (London)	W. Melles
Dykes	W. Dinwiddie	W. A. Boulnois	Jas. Michael.
Edmond	W. Davison	T. Butler	W. C. Scott
Lorimer	A. J. Murray	W. Carruthers	J. Smith
Martin	D. MacColl	R. Garden	L. Stewart
Raitt	T. J. Dixon	F. J. Horniman	A. Templeton
White	H. Miller	J. Johnstone	W. Tulloch
	Geo. Drysdale	J. Leech	J. U. Turner
			J. Warner
			Colin Young

With Representatives from Presbyteries, same as on Foreign Missions Committee.

CONVENER: Rev. R. Taylor. TREASURER: Mr. J. S. Ness.
SECRETARY: J. M. Leitch.

4.—THE COLLEGE.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Dr. Boyd	Mr. Blelloch	Dr. Levi Stewart	Mr. H. M. Matheson
Chalmers	Dinwiddie	Mr. T. Bell	Jas. Michael
Drummond	G. Drysdale	W. A. Boulnois	Jas. Morton (Clapham)
Dykes	(New Barnet)	Gainsfd. Bruce	J. S. Ness
Fisher	Edmonds	G. B. Bruce	A. T. Ritchie
Fraser	Elder	W. Carruthers	J. R. Robertson
Hamilton	Elmslie	Affleck Fraser	W. P. Sinclair
Lorimer	Fotheringham	A. Gillespie	J. C. Stevenson
MacLeod	Gibb	J. Johnstone	S. Stitt
Moore	W. Graham	J. M. Leitch	W. Tulloch
Morison	W. T. Johnston	C. E. Lewis	A. Young
Paterson	G. Johnstone	A. Macnicol	
Raitt	Kelly	D. Matheson	
Simpson	A. B. Mackay		
Wright	Reid		
Mr. W. Ballantyne	H. C. Wilson		

With Representatives of Presbyteries, same as on Foreign Missions Committee.

CONVENER: Dr. Dykes. SECRETARY: Rev. W. Dinwiddie. TREASURER: Mr. C. E. Lewis. AUDITORS: Messrs. A. Webster and J. M. Leitch.

5.—SCHOOLS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Dr. Lorimer	Mr. W. Ballantyne	Dr. Harvie	Mr. Lewis Stewart
Fisher	M. Davison	Mr. J. Johnstone	W. Tulloch
		J. Muir Leitch	

With Representatives from Presbyteries, same as on Foreign Missions Committee.

CONVENER: Dr. Lorimer. TREASURER: Mr. John Johnstone. AUDITOR: Mr. William Garden.

6.—AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
The Moderator	Mr. Thos. Macpherson	Mr. W. R. Corson	Mr. H. M. Matheson
Dr. Wright		J. Halliday	
Mr. T. W. Brown	David Terras	C. E. Lewis	R. T. Turnbull
R. H. Lundie		R. Lockhart	J. Watson

With Representatives from Presbyteries same as on Foreign Mission Committee.
CONVENER : Rev. Thos. Macpherson. TREASURER : Mr. George Duncan.

7.—MINISTERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Mr. T. W. Brown	Mr. David Henderson	Dr. A. P. Stewart	Mr. T. Matheson
John Black		Mr. Geo. B. Bruce	Robt. McEwen
William Dinwiddie	John Reid	W. A. Boulnois	James C. Stevenson
		Geo. Duncan	
		J. M. Grant	Andrew Wark
		Robt. Lockhart	

With Representatives from Presbyteries, same as on Foreign Missions Committee.

CONVENER : Rev. Thos. W. Brown. TREASURER : Mr. Thomas Matheson.
AUDITORS : Messrs. H. Whytt and Robert Moffat.

8.—CHURCH BUILDING AND DEBT EXTINCTION.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
The Moderator	Mr. R. H. Lundie	Dr. Stewart	Mr. Hugh M. Matheson
Dr. Dykes	T. Macpherson	Mr. W. D. Anderson	J. McDiarmid
Fraser	H. Miller	Thomas Bell	James Parlane
Hamilton	Jas. Muir	Geo. B. Bruce	J. C. Stevenson
Mr. T. W. Brown	Alexander J. Murray	R. Hedley	S. Stitt
Wm. McCaw		F. J. Horniman	T. D. Thomson
J. A. Gardiner	John Reid	D. Hutton	R. T. Turnbull
		Chas. E. Lewis	James Watson
		Rbt. Lockhart	A. Young
		Rbt. McEwen	Thos. Young (Newcastle)

With Representatives from Presbyteries, same as on Foreign Missions Committee.

CONVENER : Rev. R. H. Lundie. SECRETARY : Mr. R. T. Turnbull.
TREASURER : Mr. George Duncan. AUDITORS : Messrs. T. Bell and Brodie.

9.—LAW AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. The Moderator	Mr. J. Black	Dr. J. C. Bruce	Mr. Jas. Menzies
Dr. Chalmers	Graham	Levi	David Smith
Drummond	Grosart	Mr. William Carruthers	T. D. Thompson
Dr. Dykes	Lundie	J. M. Leitch	Adam Young
Edmond	Matheson	C. E. Lewis	
Fraser	McCaw		
Lorimer	Wm. Morison		
MacEwan	Jas. Muir		
Wright	J. Reid		
Mr. Ballantyne			

With Representatives from Presbyteries, and Presbytery Clerks *ex-officiis*.
CONVENER : Dr. Leone Levi.

10.—STATISTICS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Dr. Chalmers	Mr. W. Ballantyne	Dr. Levi	Mr. Hugh M. Matheson
Hamilton	Geo. Lewis	Mr. W. D. Anderson	Watson
MacEwan	Rutherford	R. Wales	

CONVENER: Dr. Leone Levi.

11.—SYNOD FUND.

TREASURER: Mr. James Watson.

12.—FINANCE.

Conveners, Treasurers, and Secretaries of all Synod Committees, with

Mr. G. B. Bruce	Mr. Michael
Thos. Hall	S. Stitt
Ch. Kynoch	W. U. Turner.
A. Leslie	

With Representatives from Presbyteries, same as on Foreign Missions Committee.

CONVENER: Mr. James Watson.

13.—SUSTENTATION FUND.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Dr. J. T. Davidson	Mr. R. Balgarnie	Mr. W. D. Anderson	Mr. H. M. Matheson
R. S. Drummond	T. W. Brown	T. R. Arnott	W. Melles
J. O. Dykes	Carlyle	Thos. Bell	Jas. Morton
Edmond	Dinwiddie	W. A. Boulnois	J. S. Ness
D. Fraser	Fotheringham	G. B. Bruce	P. Ranken
Hamilton	MacColl	W. Carruthers	J. R. Robertson
MacEwan	Matheson	R. Garden	W. P. Sinclair
Morison	C. Moir	F. J. Horniman	R. T. Turnbull
H. S. Paterson	A. J. Murray	John Hedley	W. Tulloch
W. Raitt	J. M. Ross	R. Hedley	A. Wark
J. G. Wright	R. Taylor	Ch. Kynoch	C. Wilson
		J. M. Leitch	Alex. Young

With Representatives of Presbyteries, same as on Foreign Missions Committee.

CONVENERS: Revs. Dr. Fraser and Dr. MacEwan. TREASURER: Mr. W. D. Anderson. SECRETARY: Rev. J. M. Ross.

14.—CONTINENTAL WORK.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Dr. Chalmers	Dr. Wright	Professor L. Levi	Mr. J. E. Mathieson
Drummond	Mr. J. W. Brown	Sir G. B. Pechell	W. Melles
Boyd	W. Dinwiddie	Baron Von Streng	G. T. Mercer
Dykes	J. Kelly	Mr. W. A. Boulnois	G. E. Sloper
Fraser	R. H. Lundie	G. B. Bruce	J. C. Stephenson
Lorimer	T. Meyer	F. J. Horniman	F. W. Thacker
Morison	A. J. Murray	H. M. Matheson	

With Representatives from Presbyteries, same as on Foreign Missions Committee.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Wright. TREASURER: Mr. Donald Matheson.

15.—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

MINISTERS.

Mr. J. Brown (St. Helens)
J. K. Craig
J. Cunningham
A. H. Drysdale
W. H. Elliott
John Gordon
W. Graham
Mr. W. T. Johnston
J. Lees
W. McCaw
C. Moinet
W. R. Murray
Dr. Russell
Mr. John Sclater
Jas. Towers

ELDERS.

Mr. J. A. Beith
W. Christie
A. P. Jameson
F. Johnston
Mr. R. McEwan
D. McGill
H. L. McInnes
Dav. Smith

With Representatives from Presbyteries, same as on Home Mission Committee.

CONVENER: Mr. J. Robb.

16.—PUBLICATIONS.

MINISTERS.

Dr. Dykes
Fraser
Morison
Mr. T. W. Brown
G. Carlyle
W. Dinwiddie
J. Gibb
Grosart
Mr. R. H. Lundie
D. MacColl
T. J. Meyer
H. Miller
A. J. Murray
J. M. Ross
R. Taylor

ELDERS.

Prof. L. Levi
Mr. G. B. Bruce
F. J. Horniman
J. M. Leitch
Mr. W. J. Thacker
A. Wark
J. Watson

With Representatives from Presbyteries, same as on Foreign Missions Committee.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Edmond. SECRETARY: Mr. W. Carruthers.

TREASURER: Mr. W. F. G. Blaikie.

17.—CHRISTIAN GIVING.

MINISTERS.

Dr. Dykes
Fraser
Mackay
Paterson
Mr. J. Black
John Bogue
J. Collie
W. A. P. Johnman
James Lees
Rich. Leitch
Mr. A. B. Mackay
J. Matheson
Wm. McCaw
S. M. McClelland
J. More
W. R. Murray
John Reid
A. M. Symington
J. B. Thorburn

ELDERS.

Dr. J. C. Bruce
Mr. J. A. Beith
W. A. Boulnois
G. B. Bruce
W. Carruthers
J. Halliday
John Hedley (N. Shields)
Rbt. Hedley
Mr. R. Lockhart
J. E. Mathieson
Ths. Matheson
A. Mouat
James Robb
J. C. Stevenson
W. H. Waite

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Mackay.

18.—DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

Rev. R. H. Lundie
J. Reid
Rev. William Graham
James Muir

CONVENER: Rev. James Muir.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. That all Commissions transmitted to the Clerk of Synod shall be revised by him, in so far as regards the regularity of said Commissions, in point of form, and that he shall report them to the Committee appointed by the Synod for receiving Commissions.

2. That the Clerk shall, on application, furnish Session Clerks with printed Copies of the Form of Commission, and of the Certificates appointed to be used by Act of Synod for certifying Elders chosen as Commissioners to the Synod, to be *bonâ fide* Acting Elders.

3. That all Commissions shall be in the hands of the Synod Clerk at least one week before the Synod meets.

4. That all Overtures and all Returns to Overtures from inferior Courts be in the form of Certified Reports from the Minutes of Courts, by which they are transmitted respectively, and that these be sent to the Clerk of Synod, so as to be in his hands at least one week before the meeting of Synod.

5. That papers in cases from inferior Courts, whether forming part of the Record or produced in evidence before said Courts, must, in each case, before they are given in, be duly dated, numbered, and initialed by the Clerk of the Court from which they come, and be accompanied by petition for transmission to the Committee of Bills by the parties sending them in.

6. That the Committee appointed by the Synod for Bills, Overtures, and Arrangement of Business, &c., shall meet as soon after their appointment as convenient, and as often as may be necessary thereafter, to prepare and arrange the business, and to transmit all papers which appear to them relevant to be taken up by the Synod, and regular in point of form, and that parties interested be in attendance.

7. That the Reports of the Committees of the principal Schemes of the Church be printed and circulated along with the *Actings and Proceedings* of Synod; and that a copy of each, certified by the Clerk as that given in to the Synod, be kept *in retentis*, and the Reports thus collected be bound up in volumes, to be preserved among the other Documents of the Synod.

8. That in cases where parties are called to the bar, two speeches only shall be heard for each party, including the reply, to which the appellant or complainant shall be entitled. But if there be more than two parties, there shall be only one speech heard for each, besides the reply. In case of there being more than one complainant, and it appearing that the complaints are on distinctly separate grounds, each may be considered a separate party.

9. That the following be the order in regard to Motions, Votes, and Decisions :—1. Every motion, whether original or amended, shall be given in to the Clerk, in writing, as soon as it shall have been read to the House.—2. When a motion is duly seconded, and in possession of the Synod, it shall not be competent to make any alteration upon it without the permission of the House, excepting in the shape of an amendment, or second or third motion, as the case may be, regularly proposed to the Synod.—3. The person who makes the first motion shall be entitled to the privilege of giving a reply, in which new matter must not be introduced; thereafter, the debate shall be held to be definitely closed, and no other person shall be entitled to speak, excepting with regard to the manner of putting the vote.—4. All motions after the first shall be considered as amendments on the first, and be disposed of accordingly.—5. When there are only two motions before the House, the question put to the vote shall be *motion* or *amendment*, or *first* or *second* motion.—6. When there are three motions, the first question shall be whether the second or third motion shall be put as the amendment against the first; and the second question shall be whether the first motion or amendment so fixed shall be the decision of the House.—7. When there are more than three motions, the first question shall be whether that last proposed shall be put as the amendment, and so on until only three remain, when the procedure shall be as presented in Article 6.

10. That in bringing up a Report from a Committee, the Convener thereof shall move the Synod to receive the Report, and shall thereafter move such Resolutions as embody the recommendations it contains.

11. That any proposal for a pause in the Synod's proceedings, with a view to engage in Special Devotional Exercises, shall be made to the Synod only through the Moderator, and that all letters addressed to the Moderator for the purpose of being communicated to the House, shall, in the first instance, be laid before the Business Committee, who shall advise the Moderator as to the way of disposing of them.

12. That Commissions or Letters from other Churches, or from Societies in favour of Deputies to the Synod, and all applications of persons to be heard by the Synod, shall be reported by the Business Committee, that proper arrangements may be made for their reception, if that shall, by said Committee, be deemed proper.

13. That Presbytery Books be called for on the Morning Diet succeeding the opening of the Court, and that a Committee or Committees be appointed for visiting the same, who shall fill up a schedule with the information required by the Synod regarding each book—said schedules to be returned not later than the end of the fourth day of the Synod meeting. That a copy of the Report, as sustained by the Synod, shall be transmitted to the Presbytery to be engrossed in their Record.

14. That the Records of the Synod and of the Synod's Standing Committees shall be annually produced at the Synod, to be visited by a Committee appointed for this purpose, who shall attest the same on finding them correctly kept, and shall report thereon to the Synod.

15. That the Communion of the Lord's Supper be observed at the first Morning Sitting, before any business is transacted, and that the remainder of that Sitting and the Evening Sitting thereafter, be devoted to the consideration of the Home Mission, Jewish, and Foreign Missions Reports; the Conveners of these Committees having authority to make public intimation of their concerted arrangements with reference to the reception of these Reports.

16. That the Minutes of any of the Diets be read and approved of *only* at a Morning Diet, with the exception of the Minutes of the last day of the Synod's Sittings.

17. That any Presbytery desiring certain of its representatives to be appointed members of the Business Committee of an ensuing Synod, may send in the names of such, with this view, to the Synod Clerk, one week at least before the Meeting of said Synod, who is hereby directed, when the Synod is proceeding to the appointment of the said Committee, to declare such names along with the wish of the said Presbytery to the Synod.

18. That the Standing Orders be binding on all Meetings of the Synod, and that they be printed along with the Minutes of this Synod.

19. That all former Orders, not consistent with the above, be, and hereby are, rescinded.

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SYNOD

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

At London, and within Regent Square Church,
On Monday, 23rd April, 1877, 6 *o'clock* P.M.

Monday, April 23rd.

Which time and place the Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of England, and Ruling Elders, Commissioners to the Synod of said Church appointed to be held at London this day, convened; and Public Worship was conducted by the Rev. James Anderson, D.D., Minister at Morpeth, and Moderator of last Synod, who preached from Nehemiah iv. 6, "For the people had a mind to work."

Thereafter, and the services of the sanctuary having been concluded, the Synod was constituted with prayer by Dr. Anderson, and the names of the Ministers and Elders on the Clerk's Roll were laid on the table as follow :— Constituted.

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The Rev. George Jeffrey, D.D.,
The Rev. Professor Cairns, D.D.,
*The Rev. Professor Duff, LL D.,
The Rev. J. B. Johnston, D.D.,
The Rev. William Bruce, D D., *Ministers;* with
*Professor Calderwood,
Mr. R. T. Middleton,
*Mr. Hugh Barnett, and
*Rev. Dr. R. S. Scott, *Elders.*

Note A.—Members whose names have an asterisk (*) prefixed, not having entered their names on the Attendance Roll, there is no record of their having been present at the Synod.

Note B.—Places printed in *Italics* are Preaching Stations.

Election of Moderator.

The Synod proceeded to the election of a Moderator, when the Rev. William McKerrow, D.D., Minister *Emeritus* at Manchester, was nominated as suitable for the office. The nomination was unanimously approved of, and Dr. McKerrow, by the Synod's desire, took the Chair, and delivered a suitable address.

Standing Orders.

The Standing Orders in use at last meeting of the Synod were adopted *ad interim*, and were held as read.

Thanks.

The Synod's thanks were tendered to the Rev. Dr. Anderson for his conduct in the Chair at last meeting of Synod, and for the Sermon this evening delivered.

Ministerial Changes.

The Synod called for the Report of the Ministerial Changes that have taken place during the past Synodical year. The Report was given in by the Clerk.

The Synod receive the Report, and order it to be printed along with the other Reports submitted to the House.

The Synod appointed the following Committees :— Committees.

I.—Committee on Bills, Overtures, and Business.

Ministers—Revs. William Porteous, J. B. Thorburn, John Rutherford, Archibald N. Mackray, James Christie, W. A. P. Johnman, George Lewis, Robert H. Lundie, Robert Black, Dr Chalmers, W. Ballantyne, Dr. Boyd, Dr. Edmond, Dr. Davidson, Dr. Fraser, Dr. Dykes, Dr. Drummond, Dr. Wright, John Reid, George Bell, Dr. Anderson, James A. Craig, Andrew Cant, and the Synod Clerk. *Elders*—Sir George B. Pechell, Messrs. Hugh M. Matheson, Robert Hedley, William A. Boulnois, Samuel Stitt, William P. Sinclair, Charles E. Lewis, Robert T. Turnbull, F. J. Horniman, James E. Mathieson, James Watson, Dr. Small, James Robb, John A. Beith, and George B. Bruce.

Joint-Conveners, { Rev. Dr. Anderson, Rev. Dr. Dykes.

Clerk, Rev. James Muir.

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Convener, Rev. Dr. MacEwan.
Clerk, Rev. John Black.

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Ministers—The Moderator, Revs. Dr. Wright, Dr. MacLeod, R. H. Lundie, Dr. Chalmers, Dr. Edmond, A. J. Murray, W. Rigby Murray, R. Leitch. *Elders*—Messrs. S. Stitt, W. A. Boulnois, R. Hedley, Walter Graham, H. M. Matheson, Wm. P. Sinclair, and Baron von Streng.

Convener, Rev. Dr. Dykes.

The Synod instruct this Committee to meet and report before the close of Synod.

The Synod granted leave to the Presbytery of Birmingham and the Session of Canonbury to meet during the interval between the Sederunts of the House.

Adjournment. The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning for the observance of the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper at Ten o'clock, and for ordinary business at half-past Eleven; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

Tuesday, April 24th. *At London, and within Regent Square Church, On Tuesday, 24th April,* 1877, 10 *o'clock* A.M.

Constituted. Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with devotional exercises.

Lord's Supper. The Synod proceeded to the observance of the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper; the Moderator conducting the service, assisted by the Rev. James Towers, the Rev. Robert Taylor, the Rev. David Lowe, and the Rev. Alexander M. Dalrymple.

The solemn service having ended, the Moderator—the Synod still remaining constituted—pronounced the benediction.

Synod resumes. The Synod resumed business at a quarter before Twelve, noon.

Minutes sustained. The Minutes of yesterday's Sederunt were read and sustained.

Elders' Commissions. The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Elders' Commissions, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. MacEwan, Convener, to the effect that the Commissions submitted, though in some instances there were slight inaccuracies, were all substantially correct.

The Synod receive the Report, and resolve to sustain all the Commissions.

Corresponding Members.

There was laid on the table an Extract Minute from the Records of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, to the effect that the Synod at its meeting in Liverpool appointed the following brethren to be the Corresponding Members of this Synod, namely :—The Moderator, with Dr. Joseph Brown, Dr. George Jeffrey, Professor Cairns, Professor Duff, Dr. J. B. Johnston, and Dr. Bruce, *Ministers;* and Professor Calderwood, Messrs. R. T. Middleton, Hugh Barnett, and Dr. R. S. Scott, *Elders;* Dr. Young, *Convener*.

The Synod gladly received the Commission, and instructed the Clerk to append the names of those respected brethren to the Roll as Corresponding Members. The Moderator, in name of the Synod, welcomed the brethren; and Dr. Young, in their name, responded.

Committee on Bills, &c.

The Committee on Bills, Overtures, and Business, through their Joint-Convener, Dr. Dykes, submitted a Report.

The Synod receive the Report, and resolve to take up the business before the House in the order therein indicated.

Further, the Synod refer to the Business Committee the question of some satisfactory mode of registering the attendance of the Members of Synod at its meetings, with instructions to report to a future diet.

Finance Committee.

The Synod called for the Report of the Finance Committee, which was given in by Mr. James Watson, *Convener*.

The Synod receive the Report, and resolve that the questions raised therein be referred to a Committee of the whole House, to be held on Thursday morning from ten till twelve o'clock.

Home Mission.

The Synod called for the Report of the Home Mission Committee, which was laid on the table by the Rev. William McCaw, Joint-Convener; and the other Joint-Convener, Rev. W. Rigby Murray, addressed the House thereanent.

Mr. McCaw, in the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Robert Lockhart, submitted the Financial Statement, and intimated, in connection therewith, Mr. Lockhart's resignation of his Treasurership of the Fund.

The Synod receive the Report, with thanks to the Committee, especially the Office-bearers.

Church Extension. They are gratified to learn that so many as nine new fields of labour have been undertaken during the year, and that the Congregations recently planted are making such satisfactory progress; and they commend the entire Church Extension department of the Committee's work to the sympathy, prayers, and liberality of the Church.

Evangelisation. They regret that there appears to be, to some extent, a decrease of interest throughout the Church in the work of Evangelisation; and, regarding it as a most important branch of the Church's mission to carry the Gospel to the outlying masses, they trust there will be a revival of interest in this field of usefulness; and they would encourage the Committee to devote thereto as much of their energies and means as they can afford.

Temperance. The question of the nation's intemperance is one of appalling magnitude. And the Synod would urge on Presbyteries, and on the members of Synod, by their united and individual efforts, to do all in their power to resist the prevalence of this monster evil, and to promote habits of sobriety among the people. Specially they recommend each Minister to preach a sermon on the subject during the course of the year. They resolve, moreover, to petition Parliament in favour of both the English and Irish Bills at present on the table of the House of Commons, and they instruct the Home Mission Committee to prepare Petitions accordingly.

Funds. They are afraid that the Church does not realise, as it should, the urgency of the question of increased funds. The Committee are at present seriously in debt, and unless means are at once forthcoming, they must arrest their Church Extension operations. They would, therefore, urge on all the Congregations the necessity of instant and increased efforts to replenish the treasury of the Mission, so that no injury may ensue to the work of the Lord.

Mr. Lockhart's resignation. It is with the very deepest regret they accept the tendered resignation by Mr. Robert Lockhart of his Treasurership of the Fund, and in reluctantly doing so, they hereby place on record their cordial esteem for him as a beloved brother, and the very deep sense they entertain of the Church's obligations to him for his self-denying labours during so many years in behalf of the Home Mission.

Sunday Closing. Thereafter Mr. Edward Whitwell, representative of the Central Association for Stopping the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday,

was introduced to the Synod by the Clerk, and addressed the House on the subject of Sunday Closing.

The Synod receive Mr. Whitwell with cordiality, and have listened with much interest to his important address.

Overtures on Temperance.

The Synod took up two Overtures on the Subject of Temperance, one from the Presbytery of Carlisle, and the other from that of Liverpool; and the Rev. J. Howie Boyd and the Rev. James Towers were heard in support thereof.

The Synod receive the Overtures, and, recognising the importance and urgency of the question of intemperance among the people, remit them to the Home Mission Committee, with instructions to report on the suggestions contained therein, and especially upon the question whether it is advisable to institute a Temperance Association in this Church.

Applications from Ministers.

The Synod took up Applications from the Presbytery of Manchester, in favour of the Rev. Henry Thomas and the Rev. David R. Cowan; from the Presbytery of London, in favour of the Rev. T. R. Atkinson and the Rev. H. Millican; from the Presbytery of Birmingham, in favour of the Rev. F. Sonley Johnstone; and from the Presbytery of Liverpool, in favour of the Rev. C. Naismith; to the effect that the Synod authorise those Presbyteries respectively to admit the Ministers named to the Ministry of this Church.

Papers in these several cases were laid on the table; and, without in the meantime hearing parties, the Synod remit the Applications to a Committee, with instructions to consider the same, confer with parties appointed to support the Applications, and report to a future Sederunt; the Committee to consist of the Revs. R. H. Lundie, John Reid, John Black, Dr. MacEwan, Dr. Edmond, Robert Taylor, James Muir, John Matheson, and Dr. Russell, *Ministers;* and Messrs. James Halliday, Robert McEwen, Robert Wales, F. J. Horniman, and George Duncan, *Elders*; Rev. Robert H. Lundie, *Convener.*

Applications from Preaching Stations.

The Synod took up Applications from the Presbytery of London, in regard to the Preaching Stations at Brockley, Canterbury, and Richmond; from the Presbytery of Manchester, in regard to the Preaching Stations at Eccles, Whalley Range, and Preston; from the Presbytery of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in regard to the Preaching Station at Byker;

and from the Presbytery of Berwick, in regard to the Preaching Station at Holy Island; to the effect that the Synod empower the said Presbyteries to raise these several Stations to the status of Sanctioned Charges whenever they may deem it expedient so to do.

Papers in these cases were laid on the table, and the Synod remit the same, with the Applications, to a Committee, with instructions to confer with the parties appointed to support them, consider, and report to a subsequent Sederunt; the Committee to consist of the Revs. Robert Black, W. Limont, George Bell, Thomas Macpherson, James M. McKerrow, Dr. Davidson, Dr. Chalmers, and William Dinwiddie, *Ministers;* with Messrs. George B. Bruce, James Robb, John M. Leitch, Dr. A. P. Stewart, J. Malcolm, W. P. Sinclair, *Elders;* Rev. Robert Black, *Convener.*

Presbyteries of Northumberland and Carlisle.

The Synod allowed the Presbyteries of Carlisle and Northumberland to meet during the interval between the Sederunts of the House.

Presbytery of Darlington.

The Presbytery of Darlington requested permission to meet during the sittings of Synod, to dispose of a Call to a Minister thereof.

It was moved and seconded that permission be granted. It was moved, as an amendment, that permission in the circumstances be not granted.

Without a division, the motion was adopted; from which deliverance the Rev. John Black entered his dissent.

Petitions to Parliament.

The Clerk submitted Drafts of the Petitions to Parliament in favour of the Bills now on the table of the House of Commons, to secure the Closing of Public-houses in England and Ireland on the Lord's Day.

The Synod approve of the Drafts submitted; order them to be duly extended, signed by the Moderator and Clerk, and presented to the House of Commons; that in behalf of the English Bill to be entrusted to Mr. James C. Stevenson, M.P., and that in behalf of the Irish Bill to be entrusted to Mr. Charles E. Lewis, M.P., both Members of this House.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again this evening at Six o'clock; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

At London, and within Regent Square Church,
On Tuesday, 24th April, 1877, 6 *o'clock* P.M. Tuesday, April 24th.

Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer. Constituted.

The Synod called for the Report of the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund Committee, which was given in by the Rev. Thomas Macpherson, Convener, who addressed the House thereanent. Aged and Infirm Ministers.

The Financial Statement was submitted by Mr. George Duncan, Treasurer.

The Synod receive the Report; hear with pleasure that the invested Capital has been raised to £5000; instruct the Committee to take what steps may be in their power to increase still further the income of this important Fund; and resolve that in future the maximum grant be increased from Thirty to Forty Pounds a-year.

The Synod called for the Report of the Jewish Mission Committee, which was given in by the Rev. Robert Taylor, Convener, who addressed the Synod thereanent. Jewish Mission.

The Financial Report was given in by Mr. James S. Ness, Treasurer.

The Synod receive the Report; hear with satisfaction that their Missionary, Mr. Meyer, and his Assistant, Mr. Friedberg, have been enabled to continue their zealous and varied labours among the Jews in the East of London during another year; and express their thankfulness to the Lord for His grace in turning some from among the children of Israel to Himself, and in upholding those who had already believed. And, considering the increasing favour with which this work is regarded by the Church, and the larger number of Congregations from which our Mission revenue is now drawn, the Synod approve the suggestion that the Committee should extend the operations of this Mission to Israel, after full inquiry has been made as to the most needy and most hopeful field, and with due regard to the resources placed at their disposal by the Church. The Synod earnestly commend their Mission to the Jews to the continued liberality, sympathy, and prayers of all the Congregations of the Church.

Business Committee.

Dr. Dykes, Joint-Convener, gave in a Supplementary Report, in name of the Business Committee.

The Synod receive the Report, and agree to take up the business in the order therein suggested.

Further, the Synod resolve that in order to preserve a record of the attendance of Members at the Meeting, a book be provided by the Clerk, and placed in the vestibule of the Church, wherein Members are requested to enter their names.

Letter from Home Secretary.

There was read a Letter from the Secretary of State for the Home Department of Her Majesty's Government, addressed to the ex-Moderator, to the effect that Her Majesty was pleased to receive the loyal and dutiful address of the last Synod very graciously.

Congregational Union.

There was laid on the table a Resolution passed by the Assembly of the Congregational Union at its meeting last year, congratulating this Synod on the Union then recently effected, and anticipating for the united Church a future of abundant usefulness.

The Synod receive this communication with much satisfaction; heartily reciprocate the fraternal sentiments therein conveyed; and instruct the Clerk to transmit a copy of this Minute to the Secretary of the Union.

Foreign Missions.

The Synod called for the Report of the Foreign Missions Committee, which was submitted by Mr. Hugh M. Matheson, Convener, who addressed the House thereanent.

The Financial Report was given in by Mr. John Bell, Joint-Treasurer.

The Synod welcomed the Rev. Hugh Ritchie, Missionary from Formosa, and the Rev. William Duffus, Missionary from Swatow, both of whom addressed the House on their Mission Work in China.

The Synod receive the Report, with gratitude to God for the continued progress of the Mission in China, and for the peace in which the work is carried on. They recognise, in the open doors set before the Christian Church in that great country, a loud call to go forward with more zeal and energy in spreading the glorious Gospel, and they commend the Mission very earnestly to the sympathy and prayers, as well as to the liberality of the Church. While thankful for the steadfastness of

the native Christians, called in not a few cases to suffer bitter persecution, they ask special prayer for increased spirituality among the converts at large, and that the Word of God may become more precious to them.

They rejoice to hear that additional labourers are coming forward, and trust that such accessions of strength may be made to the Mission Staff at each of the centres of the Mission, as will admit of still more attention being devoted to the training of a native ministry. They are glad that efforts are being made on behalf of the females of the East, and would welcome the formation of special Associations on the part of the ladies of the Church for the encouragement of this work. The increased contributions of Juvenile Associations and Sabbath Schools are particularly gratifying.

The Synod heartily commend the India Mission to the sympathy of the Church, and ask prayer for Mr. Morrison, the Medical Missionary about to be sent out to superintend the work.

Petitions for Transference.

The Synod took up a Petition transmitted by the Committee on Bills, from the Session of Barrow-in-Furness, praying for that Congregation to be transferred from the Presbytery of Carlisle to that of Liverpool; and a Petition from the Session of Tower Hill, Wooler, praying for that Congregation to be transferred from the Presbytery of Northumberland to that of Berwick.

The Synod agree to remit these Petitions to a Committee, with instructions to confer with Petitioners and other parties concerned, consider, and report to a future diet; the Committee to be the Revs. George Lewis, David Lowe, Charles Moinet, William Ballantyne, W. A. P. Johnman, J. T. McGaw, *Ministers;* with Messrs. William Carruthers, John Bell, and James S. Ness; Rev. J. Thoburn McGaw, *Convener.*

The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

Wednesday, April 25th.

At London, and within Regent Square Church,
On Wednesday, 25th April, 1877, 10 *o'clock* A.M.

Constituted. Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Minutes sustained. The Minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were read and sustained.

Schools. The Synod called for the Report of the School Committee, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Lorimer, Convener, who addressed the House thereanent.

The Financial Statement was submitted by Mr. John Johnstone, Treasurer.

The Synod receive the Report; re-appoint the Committee, with instructions to obtain, and communicate to the next Synod, as accurate information as possible touching the actual and probable effects of the recent Elementary Education Act upon the attendance and revenue of the Schools still remaining upon the list of the Committee. Further, the Synod remit to the said Committee to consider and report on the expediency and practicability of enlarging the School Scheme, and making provision for the means of secondary education being made more available to the young in our rural Congregations.

College. The Synod called for the Report of the College Committee, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener, who addressed the House thereanent.

Mr. Charles E. Lewis, Treasurer, submitted the Financial Statement.

The Synod resolve—

I. That the Report of the College Committee be received, with thanks to the Committee.

II. That the Synod accept with warmest thanks to Robert Barbour, Esq., his munificent offer of an endowment of £500 per annum, for the purpose of providing for a third Professorship in the College, and hereby do establish such a Professorship (the subject to be hereafter fixed), to be known under the name of the "Barbour" Professorship.

III. That the thanks of the Synod are due, and are hereby cordially given, (1) to Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair, of Liverpool, (2) to Mr. Andrew

Leslie, of Hebburn, (3) to Mr. William Muter, of Manchester, and (4) to the contributors to the Presbytery of Newcastle's Scholarship, for the seasonable and handsome additions they have severally made to the Scholarships attached to the College of this Church.

IV. That it be an instruction to the Thanksgiving Fund Committee (or any other Committee which may be charged with its distribution) to pay over to the College Treasurer, as soon as they conveniently can, the sum of £3500, towards defraying the expense of recent alterations and re-furnishing at Queen Square House.

V. That the College Committee be instructed to consider carefully whether the requirements of the College call for the erection of a new Dining Room, and, if satisfied on this point, to proceed with the same at as moderate a cost as possible.

VI. That the desirableness of establishing an Upper School for the education of the sons of Presbyterians be re-committed for further inquiry and consideration by the Committee.

Rev. John Gibb.

Further, in accordance with the recommendation of the College Committee, the Synod hereby appoint the Rev. John Gibb to be Resident Professor, with equal status with the occupants of the regular Chairs in the College. That his salary (in addition to residence as heretofore) be £400 per annum. That in addition to superintending the studies of the Students as hitherto, the subjects of New Testament Exegesis and Patristic Literature be assigned to him as his special department. And that the Presbytery of London be instructed to induct him into office with all convenient speed.

The Report of the College Trustees was submitted by Mr. John Johnstone, Treasurer. Mr. Hugh M. Matheson, Treasurer, gave in the Report of the Theological Students' Scholarship Fund. And both Reports were accepted by the Synod.

New Chair.

The Synod proceeded to consider the question of the new Theological Chair.

The Convener of the College Committee laid on the table that Section of the Committee's Report bearing on this subject.

It was resolved that that portion of the Report recommending the re-distribution of the subjects attached to the Professors' Chairs be adopted, and that accordingly the subjects of Apologetics and Pastoral Theology be assigned to the new Chair.

The Synod then entered on the consideration of the question of an appointment to the said Professorship.

There were laid on the Table and read two Overtures on this subject from the Presbytery of London, one from the Presbytery of Newcastle, and one from the Presbytery of Northumberland; Recommendations from the Presbyteries of Liverpool, Manchester, and Northumberland; and a Memorial from the Congregation of Regent Square.

First Motion. It was moved and seconded—That the Synod now appoint the Rev. Dr. Dykes to fill the Chair in the College which the Synod has just founded.

Second Motion. It was also moved and seconded—That the Synod are of opinion that the Rev. Dr. Dykes is eminently qualified to fill a Chair of Theology; but having regard to the undesirableness of removing Dr. Dykes at present from the pulpit and from the pastorate, in view of the general good of the Church, and being persuaded that it would not be expedient to lay on Dr. Dykes even partial labour in the College, together with the duties of his present position, resolve to defer the selection of a Professor till next Synod; and meanwhile remit it to Presbyteries to send up names (other than that of Dr. Dykes) of those whom they regard as eligible for the Chair.

At this stage, the hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod resolved to postpone the further consideration of the question till the evening Sederunt.

There was laid on the table a Petition from the Session of the Otterburn Church, duly transmitted, praying that that Congregation be transferred from the Presbytery of Northumberland to that of Newcastle.

The Synod receive the Petition, and remit it to the Committee already appointed to deal with similar Applications, with instructions to consider it, confer with parties, and report.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again at Six o'clock p.m.; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

At London, and within Regent Square Church,
On Wednesday, 25th April, 1877, 6 o'clock P.M. Wednesday, April 25th.

Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer. Constituted.

The Synod resumed consideration of the question of an appointment to the new Professorial Chair. Discussion resumed.

A third Motion was submitted and seconded in the following terms:— Third Motion.

The Synod having considered the Report of the College Committee and relative Overtures, and having in view the eminent qualifications of the Rev. Dr. Dykes to fill the Chair of Apologetics and Pastoral Theology, and having also in view the great advantages which would accrue, both to the Church and to the College, by retaining for the pulpit the services of one so gifted as a Preacher, appoint a Committee to confer with Dr. Dykes and the Office-bearers of Regent Square, with the view of bringing about such an arrangement as would enable Dr. Dykes to combine with the discharge of the duties of the Chair the continuance of the great services he is now rendering as a Preacher to his Congregation, to this Church, and to the cause of Evangelical Religion in general. And, further, the Synod instruct the Committee to report to a subsequent Diet of this Synod.

The Memorialists from Regent Square Congregation were then heard, through their representatives, in support of their Memorial, to the effect that Dr. Dykes may not be removed from the pastorate of their Church. Memorialists.

After reasoning, the Synod resolved to proceed to the vote, and to take the same by a show of hands. The first question was—Whether the Second or Third Motion shall be put as an Amendment to the First? The vote was taken and numbers counted; and the Second Motion was found carried by a majority. The question was then put—Whether the Motion so carried, or the First Motion, shall be the decision of the House? The vote was taken, and numbers counted; and it was found that the Motion so carried was passed by a large majority. Finding.

Wherefore the Synod are of opinion that the Rev. Dr. Dykes is eminently qualified to fill a Chair of Theology; but having regard to the undesirableness of removing Dr. Dykes at present from the pulpit and

from the pastorate, in view of the general good of the Church, and being persuaded that it would not be expedient to lay on Dr. Dykes even partial labour in the College, together with the duties of his present position, resolve to defer the selection of a Professor till next Synod; and meanwhile remit it to Presbyteries to send up names (other than that of Dr. Dykes) of those whom they regard as eligible for the Chair.

Interim arrangements.

The Synod resolved that instructions be given to the College Committee to make *interim* arrangements for the carrying out of the work of the Chair in question.

Deputations.

The Synod proceeded to receive Deputations from Sister Churches.

Free Church of Scotland.

There was laid on the table and read an Extract Minute from the Records of the Assembly Arrangements Committee of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, showing that that Committee, by authority of the Assembly, have appointed, as a Deputation to this Synod, the Rev. Dr. Beith, late Minister of the Free Church, Stirling, and the Rev. Dr. Rainy, Principal and Professor of Church History in the New College, Edinburgh, *Ministers;* with Mr. John Cowan, of Beeslack, Mr. James Balfour, Writer to Her Majesty's Signet, and Mr. Francis Brown Douglas, Advocate, *Ruling Elders.*

Dr. Rainy and Mr. Balfour, being present, were introduced, and addressed the Synod.

Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

There were read two Extract Minutes from the Records of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland; the first, expressive of the Assembly's congratulations to this Synod on the Union recently consummated; and the second appointing as a Deputation to this Synod the Rev. John Meneely, Moderator of Assembly, the Rev. C. L. Morell, Rev. W. G. Boyd, and the Rev. W. Macloy, *Ministers*; with Mr. J. P. Corry, M.P., and Mr. James S. Crawford, M.P., *Ruling Elders.*

The Rev. John Meneely, Rev. C. L. Morell, and Mr. J. S. Crawford, being present, were introduced, and addressed the Synod.

American Presbyterian Church.

A Commission was received from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, in favour of the Rev. Joseph G. Montfort, D.D., as a Deputy to this Synod.

Dr. Montfort, being present, was introduced, and addressed the Synod.

Presbyterian Church in Canada.

There was laid on the table a Letter from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, addressed to this Synod. The Synod gladly receive the Letter; and remit it to the Committee on Intercourse with Sister Churches, with instructions to acknowledge, and respond to it in terms of the utmost cordiality.

Finding.

The Synod most cordially welcome the Deputation from the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States; receive with profound gratitude to God their congratulations on the happy Union in which they testify so warm an interest; and express the most earnest wishes, and breathe the most fervent prayers, for the continued and increased blessing of the Great Head of the Church to rest upon these Sister Churches, and the great work for God in which they are severally engaged.

The Moderator addressed the several Deputations in terms of fraternal affection.

Government Burial Bills.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of London on the Government Burials Bill.

The Overture being held as read, was received by the Synod; and Dr. Fraser and the Rev. John Matheson were appointed a Committee to prepare a draft of Petition to the House of Lords thereanent, and submit it to the Synod at to-morrow morning's Sederunt.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock, in conference, on the questions raised in the Finance Committee's Report, and in public Synod at Twelve noon; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

Thursday, April 26th.

At London, and within Regent Square Church,
On Thursday, 26th April, 1877, 10 *o'clock* A.M.

Conference.

Which time and place the Synod did again convene in Conference, to consider the questions raised in the Report of the Finance Committee, and was constituted with devotional exercises.

The brethren conferred on the subjects indicated during two hours.

Synod resumes.

At Twelve o'clock noon the Synod resumed in open Court.

Minutes sustained.

The Minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were read and sustained.

Finance Committee's Report.

The Synod, having in Conference considered that portion of the Finance Committee's Report which refers to the appointment of a General Secretary and Treasurer for the Schemes of the Church, and the Amalgamation of Committees, and the paper laid on the table by Messrs. Stitt and Muir, resolve that a Committee be appointed to receive these and any other plans that may be handed to them before the close of this Synod, and to transmit them to Presbyteries, with instructions to take the same into consideration, and send their Returns thereon to the Clerk of Synod on or before the 28th February, 1878: said Returns to be by him reported to next Synod. The Committee to be as follows:—Revs. G. Bell, Dr. Drummond, Dr. Fraser, Dr. Wright, Dr. MacEwan, Messrs. S. Stitt, G. B. Bruce, R. T. Turnbull, R. Morton, A. Littlejohn, W. A. Boulnois; Mr. George B. Bruce, *Convener.*

Collections.

In regard to the other recommendations contained in the Finance Committee's Report, the Synod resolve—That Sessions and Congregations be requested to make the stated Collections for the Missionary and other Schemes of the Church in the following order, viz.:—

Foreign Missions on the Fourth Sabbath in May, 1877.			
Continental Work—Third Sabbath in July, 1877.			
Schools	„	„	September, 1877.
The College	„	„	November, „
Jewish Mission	„	„	January, 1878.
Home Mission	„	„	March. „

Selection Committee.

It was moved and seconded — That a Selection Committee be appointed, consisting of the following:—Revs. William Porteous, W. Rigby Murray, John Thompson, William Limont, *Ministers;* Walter Graham, Henry Workman, Stacey Gee, Robert Hedley, Samuel Stitt, A. J. Malcolm, *Elders;* with the Clerks of Presbyteries and Conveners of the Standing Committees of Synod; Mr. James Watson, *Convener;* with instructions to select a suitable number of Members for the Standing Committees of the Church, in the proportion of three-fifths of the total number they deem suitable, and report their names to a future diet of Synod.

It was moved and seconded, as an Amendment—That the Standing Committees be selected by the Synod itself, and not by a Selection Committee.

The Synod resolved to proceed to the vote, and to take the same by a show of hands; when it was found that the Motion was carried by a majority. Wherefore the Synod did, and hereby do, resolve in terms of the Motion.

Petition to House of Lords.

Dr. Fraser reported in behalf of the Committee appointed at the former Sederunt to prepare the Draft of a Petition to the House of Lords against the Government Burials Bill, and laid on the table the said Draft.

The Synod receive the Report; approve of the Draft submitted; and instruct that it be duly extended, signed by the Moderator and Clerk, and presented to the House of Lords; entrusting it for this purpose to the Right Honourable the Earl of Granville.

Intercourse with Sister Churches.

There was submitted by Dr. Dykes, Convener, an *interim* Report of the Committee on Intercourse with Sister Churches.

The Synod receive the Report, and resolve—

1. That the Synod declare the cordial adhesion of the Presbyterian Church of England to the "Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian System," on the basis adopted at the London Conference in July, 1875.

2. That the Synod express their earnest desire for the success, under the Divine blessing, of the First Council of the Alliance, which is to meet at Edinburgh on the 3rd day of July next.

3. The Synod resolve to proceed to the election of six Delegates to represent this Church at the sittings of the said Council.

Further, the Synod resolve—

1. That the Moderator, in conjunction with Dr. Dykes and the Clerk, be requested to address a letter in the name of the Synod to the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, conveying to that Church the assurance of the Synod's fraternal regard; explaining the Terms of Federation now subsisting between this Church and the United Presbyterian Church; and expressing its readiness to enter upon the same terms of federal relationship with the Free Church, should such an arrangement commend itself to the approval of the General Assembly.

2. That the Deputies appointed to visit the approaching Meeting of the Free Church Assembly be instructed to furnish such explanations in connection with the Moderator's letter as may be desired.

Sustentation Fund.

The Synod called for the Report of the Sustentation Fund Committee, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, Joint-Convener, who addressed the Synod thereanent.

Mr. W. D. Anderson, Treasurer, submitted the Financial Statement.

First Motion.

It was moved and seconded—The Synod receive the Report; thank the Committee for their diligence; express satisfaction at the measure of progress and consolidation the Fund has already attained, and gratitude that an equal dividend of £200 has been reached. Further, the Synod regret that a dividend of £205 has not been realised, and re-affirm the necessity for increased effort on the part of the Congregations to perfect the organisation, so as to reach the standard fixed by the Committee.

In view of the necessity for unifying the financial arrangements of the Church pertaining to the support of the Ministry, the Synod strongly recommend the Congregations lately in connection with the United Presbyterian Church to take such steps as shall enable them to join the Fund not later than 1st January next.

In order that the above Congregations may be transferred to the Fund in accordance with the provisions stipulated, the Synod instruct the Home Mission and Sustentation Fund Committees to confer together with that view.

In reference to the Congregation at Warrington, the Synod authorise the Committee to place it on the equal dividend platform provisionally.

Second Motion.

It was also moved and seconded—That the Report be received; that,

considering the large deficiency in the Fund for the past year, the sums contributed by the Congregational Sustentation Fund Associations should hereafter be applied in raising the stipends of aid-receiving charges, before any portion thereof be given to aid-giving charges; that the expenses attending the Fund are excessive; that the statement of accounts is unnecessarily complicated; that the Committee be increased, and that it be instructed to take such steps as shall reduce the expenses, and give effect to the other terms of this Resolution.

At this stage, the hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod resolved to adjourn, to meet again at Six o'clock p.m.; of which public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer. Adjournment.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

At London, and within Regent Square Church,
On Thursday, 26th April, 1877, 6 *o'clock* P.M. Thursday, April 26th.

Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer. Constituted.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Sustentation Fund Committee's Report. Sustentation Fund.

There was submitted and seconded a Third Motion in these terms— That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the present working of the Sustentation Fund, and how its working can be amended, so as to secure the approbation and co-operation of the whole Church. Third Motion.

After reasoning, the Movers and Seconders of the Second and Third Motions, with consent of the House, withdrew the same; and the First Motion became the unanimous deliverance of the Synod.

The Convener of the Business Committee submitted in their name a Supplementary Report, which the Synod received, resolving to proceed with the remaining business in terms thereof. Business Committee.

Union Thanksgiving Fund.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Union Thanksgiving Fund, which was given in by Mr. Samuel Stitt, Joint-Convener, who addressed the House thereanent.

The Synod receive the Report, and thank the Central Committee at Liverpool and the Local Presbyterial Committees for their work during the past year, and re-appoint the same, with instructions to use strenuous efforts to bring the claims of this Fund before all the Congregations of the Church. The Synod remit to the Selection Committee to suggest the members of the Distribution Committee.

Continental Work.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Continental Work, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Wright, Convener.

The Financial Statement was submitted by Mr. Donald Matheson. Treasurer.

The Synod was addressed by M. Dardier, Evangelical Society of Geneva, Pastor Kizakian, from Adana, near Tarsus, and Dr. Kalopothakas, Pastor from Athens, on the work of the Lord in their respective spheres of labour.

The Synod receive the Report, and approve generally thereof. Instruct the Committee to correspond with the Committees of the Sister Churches in Scotland and Ireland, with the view of co-operating with them in supplying Preaching Stations in Continental towns, as well as in giving assistance as heretofore to the Evangelical Churches and Societies already existing.

The Synod cordially welcome Mons. Dardier, the representative of the Evangelical Society of Geneva, a Society which has been blessed of God to do a great work in France and Switzerland, and Pastor Kizakian, from Tarsus, and the Rev. M. D. Kalopothakas, of Athens, Ministers in connection with the American Presbyterian Missions in Turkey and Greece, and, in view of the great events impending in South-Eastern Europe and Asia Minor, trust that they, and the Missions with which they are connected, may find a wider and more effectual door of entrance for the Gospel of Jesus Christ in those lands so long in darkness and under the shadow of death.

The Moderator addressed the Foreign Christian Pastors in terms of brotherly kindness.

Formula for Probationers.

The Synod took up an Overture from the London Presbytery on a Formula to be used in the Licensing of Preachers of the Gospel.

The Overture was read, and the Rev. W. Ballantyne heard in support thereof. The Synod receive and adopt the Overture, and appoint the following to be a Committee to prepare a Formula of Questions for the Use of Presbyteries in the Licensing of Preachers, viz.:—Dr. Anderson, Mr. Ballantyne, Mr. Black, Dr. Dykes, Mr. Lundie, Dr. Morison, Mr. Muir, Mr. Reid, Mr. McGaw, *Ministers;* Mr. G. B. Bruce, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Horniman, Mr. Watson, Mr. Robb, Mr. Dods, Mr. Malcolm, and Mr. H. M. Matheson, *Elders;* Mr. Ballantyne, *Convener.*

Christian Giving.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Christian Giving, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Mackay, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report; resolve that the address issued by the Convener of the Committee be circulated gratuitously amongst the Congregations of the Church; that Deacons' Courts be requested to provide the funds necessary for this purpose; that Presbyteries and Sessions be recommended to hold Conferences, and Ministers recommended to preach on the subject during the year; and that the Selection Committee be instructed to nominate a Committee for the ensuing year.

Church Building.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Church Building and Debt Extinction, which was given in by the Rev. R. H. Lundie, Convener.

The Financial Report was submitted by the Treasurer, Mr. George Duncan.

The Synod receive the Report; rejoice in the steady progress of this Church, and in the indications of life and energy manifested; renew the expression of their sense of the importance, to the consolidation and extension of the Church, of both branches of the work of this Committee, and urge upon all the Presbyteries of the Church the duty of taking a fair share in this work.

Further, considering that in consequence of the auspicious institution of the Union Thanksgiving Fund, which, among other objects, aims at aiding Congregations in the liquidation of debt and the building of Churches, it is not possible for the Church Building Committee any longer to make a separate appeal to the Church for the sum still needed to complete the £30,000 originally contemplated,

the Synod recommend to the favourable consideration of the Thanksgiving Fund Committee the application made in the Report for said balance.

Adjournment. The Synod adjourned, to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

Friday, April 27th. *At London, and within Regent Square Church, On Friday, 27th April,* 1877, 10 *o'clock* A.M.

Constituted. Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Minutes sustained. The Minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were read and sustained.

Oversight of Students. The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Manchester on the Presbyterial Oversight of Students.

The Overture having been read, the Rev. W. T. Johnston was heard in support thereof.

The Synod resolve—That the Overture be remitted to the College Committee, with instructions to prepare a scheme of uniform examination.

Records. The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Records, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. MacEwan, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and instruct the Clerk to attest the Records of the Synod, of the several Presbyteries, and of the Standing Committees in terms of the Report.

Law and Historical Documents. The Synod called for the Report of the Law and Historical Documents Committee, which was given in by Dr. Leone Levi, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and—

1. Agree to send down to Presbyteries the Draft of Rules and Forms of Procedure, so far as already completed, for their consideration; and authorise the Committee to proceed with their labours, so as to finish their work, transmitting the remaining portion as soon as possible to the Presbyteries, that the whole Draft, if practicable, may obtain consideration before next Synod.

2. Remit to the Church Building Committee, in correspondence with the Committee on Law and Historical Documents, to give attention to the preparation of a Model Trust Deed for the United Church.

3. Earnestly enjoin Congregations to give immediate attention to the re-registration of their Places of Worship for the Celebration of Marriages, and instruct Presbyteries to see that this injunction is complied with.

4. Receive the volumes containing the Proceedings of the Presbyterian Church in England, and tender to Dr. Levi special thanks for his great service in compiling and arranging this most admirable Digest, which will preserve an authentic and authoritative record easily available for reference, and full of interesting and important information.

Statistics.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Statistics, which was submitted by Dr. Leone Levi, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and record their thanks to the Committee, especially the Convener.

Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The Report of the Committee on the Ministers' Widows and Orphans Fund was called for, and submitted by the Rev. Thomas W. Brown, Convener; who also—in the absence of the Treasurer—gave in the Financial Statement.

The Synod receive the Report, together with a Supplementary Statement by the Convener, and—

1. Instruct the Committee to prosecute their consideration of the question, as to the terms on which the Ministers of the Congregations formerly connected with the United Presbyterian and Reformed Presbyterian Churches may be admitted to the Membership of the Fund, if so inclined, and to report to next Synod.

2. Resolve that everyone inducted to the Ministerial Charge in any such Congregation, during the ensuing year, shall be admitted to the

benefit of the Fund on his application to that effect, and in that case the Congregation shall be expected to contribute a sum of not less than two per cent. on the first year's stipend which the Minister is to receive.

3. Remit to the Committee to consider whether the differential rate may not now be safely removed.

4. Instruct the Committee to re-consider the case of the Rev. A. Rentoul, in view of its special circumstances, and to accept payment of the usual premium.

Sabbath Schools.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, which was given in by Mr. James Robb, Convener.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report, with thanks to the Committee for their diligence; rejoice in the evidence submitted by the Committee that earnest and faithful work is being done generally throughout the Church to instruct the young in the truths of the Gospel, and bring them to a saving knowledge of the Saviour, and in the fruit of that work as shown in numbers added to the fellowship of the Church; enjoin Presbyteries to extend and improve, as far as possible, their means of exercising direct influence upon, and supervision of, the efforts being made within their respective bounds to train up the young in Christian doctrine and living, and also recommend that Sessions take more direct control of such efforts in Congregations; bid the labourers in this important part of the Lord's vineyard God-speed, and ask all God's people to encourage, countenance, and assist them.

Oversight of Young.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Berwick anent the Oversight of the Young.

The Overture having been read, the Rev. Peter Valence was heard in support thereof.

The Synod receive the Overture, and remit the whole subject to the Sabbath School Committee, with instructions to consider it, with special reference to the plan of the United Presbyterian Church, and report to next Synod.

Petitions from Sessions.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Petitions from the Sessions of Barrow-in-Furness, Tower Hill (Wooler), and Otterburn.

The Report was submitted by the Rev. J. Thoburn McGaw, Con-

vener, to the effect that they recommend the Synod to grant the prayer of the Barrow-in-Furness Petition; to decline to grant the prayer of that from Tower Hill, Wooler; and that the Petition from Otterburn is meanwhile withdrawn.

The Synod receive the Report, and, in terms of the recommendations therein contained, grant the prayer of the Petition from the Session of Barrow-in-Furness, and accordingly transfer said Congregation from the Presbytery of Carlisle to that of Liverpool. They decline to grant the prayer of the Petition from the Session of Tower Hill, Wooler, that that Congregation be transferred from the Presbytery of Northumberland to that of Berwick; and they acquiesce in the withdrawal of the Petition from Otterburn.

Applications from Preaching Stations.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Applications from Preaching Stations, which was given in by the Rev. Robert Black, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof empower the Presbytery of London to raise the Preaching Stations at Brockley, Richmond, and Canterbury; the Presbytery of Manchester to raise the Stations at Eccles, Whalley Range, and Preston; and the Presbytery of Newcastle to raise the Station at Byker—to the status of Sanctioned Charges; so soon, in all these cases, as the several Presbyteries shall deem it expedient so to do. In regard to Holy Island, they do not deem it meet in the meantime to authorise its being sanctioned as a Charge.

Next Meeting of Synod.

The Synod proceeded to fix the time and place of the next meeting of Synod; when it was resolved that said meeting be held in Grosvenor Square Church, Manchester, on the last Monday in April, 1878, at Six o'clock p.m.; and that the Presbytery of Manchester be instructed to make the necessary arrangements.

Nomination of Moderators.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Nomination of Moderators of Synod, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Anderson, Convener, to the effect that at a certain diet at each meeting the Synod resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to confer in regard to the occupant of the Chair at the following meeting; and that, having agreed on an individual in Committee, the Synod resume in open Court, when the individual, so agreed upon, shall be formally appointed.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report; and in terms thereof, they now resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House, to confer in regard to the choice of a Moderator for next meeting of Synod.

After conferring, the Synod resumed in open Court.

It was then moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the Rev. Dr. William Chalmers be chosen Moderator of the next Synod.

Dr. Chalmers being present, intimated his grateful acceptance of the office.

Selection Committee.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Selection of Standing Committees, which was given in by Mr. James Watson, Convener, in the following terms:—

Your Committee have carefully considered the matter referred to them by the Synod yesterday, viz.:—"To select a suitable number of Members for the Standing Committees of the Church, in the proportion of three-fifths of the total number they deem suitable, and report their names to a future diet of Synod." They beg to report as follows:—

That, having regard to the limited time at the disposal of the Committee and of the Synod, they recommend that the following tentative arrangement be agreed to:—

I. That while the *maximum* number of any Committee should be sixty—three-fifths to be appointed by the Synod and two-fifths by Presbyteries—the lists already prepared by the Committees be approved by the Synod for this year, on the understanding that at next Synod a permanent arrangement will be made.

II. That the Representation of Presbyteries on the Standing Committees for the current year be on the following basis:—

(*a*) That the Presbytery of	London	send	5 Members.
,,	Newcastle	4	,,
,,	Liverpool	3	,,
,,	Manchester	3	,,
,,	Northumberland	3	,,
,,	Darlington	2	,,
,,	Carlisle	1	,,
,,	Birmingham	1	,,
,,	Bristol	1	,,
,,	Berwick	1	,,

These Representatives being, as during the past year, *ex officio* Members of all the Committees, their travelling expenses being paid on the scale of the Synod Fund.

(*b*) That Presbyteries shall have authority to choose Representatives to the Home Mission and Sabbath School Committees other than those appointed to the Committees meeting in London.

(*c*) That the Presbyteries of London, Liverpool, and Manchester be authorised to appoint, if they deem it necessary, Representative Members to the Committees meeting within their bounds.

(*d*) That the Committees should hold their aggregate meetings in London during the week beginning with the third Monday in July, November, and March; and the Home Mission and Sabbath Schools Committees during the first week in July, October, and January, and during the last week in March.

III. That the following be the Members of the respective Committees for the current year, viz. :—[*See Appendix.*]

The Synod receive and adopt the Report.

Publications.

The Report of the Publications Committee was called for, and submitted by the Rev. Dr. Edmond, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and resolve—To express their satisfaction at the success which during the past year has attended the issue of the Periodicals of the Church; tender their thanks to the Editors of the *Messenger* and the *Children's Messenger* for their services, and earnestly commend these Journals to the increased support of the Church, in the hope that they may find their way into every family throughout the Congregations thereof.

The Synod approve of the manner in which the remit of last Synod, as to the preparation of a Union Memorial Volume, has been carried out, and trust that the entire edition may speedily be exhausted by further applications.

The Synod resolve in terms of the recommendation as to duplicate Minutes of Presbyteries; and recommend that uniformity as to the form and size of Minute Books for Church Courts and Committees be secured as far as possible—the necessary expenditure to be met from the Synod Fund.

The Synod further recommend to the consideration of the Committee of the Thanksgiving Fund the request of the Committee to be

provided with a small grant to be employed as a capital fund, available for the current working expenses.

Further, the Synod resolve that the loss, amounting to £45 4s. 8d., sustained in preparing the special account of the Union Synod and the free distribution of 1200 copies, and that the expense of £20 incurred in the exchange of the Church's publications with those of the United Presbyterian Church among all the Ministers of the two Churches, be paid by ihe Synod Treasurer.

Delegates to Presbyterian Council.

The Synod proceeded to the election, as resolved on at a former Sederunt, of Six Members of this House—three Ministers and three Elders—to represent this Synod at the First Council of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian System, to be held at Edinburgh in July. The election was made by ballot; and, when the ballot-box was opened, and votes counted, it was found by the scrutineers that the six brethren who had received the highest number of suffrages were the Revs. Dr. Dykes, Dr. Fraser, and Dr. Edmond, with Messrs. Hugh M. Matheson, Samuel Stitt, and James C. Stevenson, M.P. Wherefore the Synod did, and hereby do, elect these Members, and appoint them its Delegates at the said Council.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned, to meet again this evening at Six o'clock; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

Friday, April 27th.

At London and within Regent Square Church,
On Friday, 27th April, 1877, 6 *o'clock* P.M.

Constituted.

Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

In the absence of the Moderator, the Rev. John Reid occupied the Chair.

The Synod called for the Report of the Synod Fund, which was given in by Mr. James Watson, Treasurer. Synod Fund.

The Synod resolve—That the accounts submitted by the Treasurer of the Synod Fund be approved.

That the salary of the Clerk of Synod in future be £80.

That the assessments of the Presbyteries of the Church to this Fund or the current year be as follow, viz. :—

Berwick	£20
Birmingham	40
Bristol	20
Carlisle	25
Darlington	40
Liverpool	180
London	300
Manchester	140
Newcastle	150
Northumberland	80

The Synod took up an Overture on the Oversight of Presbyterian Soldiers, from the Presbytery of Liverpool. Presbyterian Soldiers.

The Overture was read, and the Rev. J. L. Rentoul was heard in support thereof.

The Synod receive the Overture, and appoint a Committee to collect information with respect to Presbyterian Soldiers and their families in England, and with respect to Presbyterian Inmates of Military Schools, and of Convict Prisons and Gaols; and to report to next meeting of Synod. The following to form the Committee :—[*See Appendix.*]

The Report of the Committee on the Distribution of Probationers was called for, and submitted by the Rev. James Muir, Convener. Distribution of Probationers.

The Synod resolve—That the Report be received, and that it be an instruction to the Clerks of Presbyteries to send up to the Convener of the Committee on the Distribution of Probationers a list of the names of the Preachers and Ministers without charges, also Students licensed, so that Congregations may know to whom to apply in case of necessity.

The Synod took up an Overture on Disestablishment from the Session of Houghton-le-Spring, transmitted by the Presbytery of Newcastle. Disestablishment.

The Overture having been read, the Rev. James Milligan was heard in support thereof.

The Synod resolve—That in consideration of the lateness of the period at which this Overture has come before the Synod, and in the absence of Overtures on this very important matter from the Presbyteries of the Church, the Synod judge it unadvisable to take any action in the present Session in the direction indicated by the Overture.

Applications from Ministers

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Applications from Ministers, which was given in by the Rev. R. H. Lundie, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof empower the Presbytery of Manchester to admit the Rev. D. R. Cowan, and the Rev. Henry Thomas, B.A.; the Presbytery of Liverpool to admit the Rev. C. Naismith; the Presbytery of London to admit the Rev. H. Millican; and the Presbytery of Birmingham to admit the Rev. F. Sonley Johnstone—all to the Ministry of this Church, according to the Rules thereof.

Evangelistic Workers.

The Synod took up an Overture on Evangelistic Workers from the Presbytery of London.

The Overture was read, and Dr. Dykes heard in support of it.

The Synod, recognising the great importance of the subject of this Overture, agree to send it down to Presbyteries, directing them to give it careful consideration during the currency of the present year, and to send their suggestions in regard to it to the Home Mission Committee before the First of March, with instructions that they consider the same, and report to next meeting of Synod.

Intercourse with Sister Churches.

The Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener, submitted the Report of the Committee on Intercourse with Sister Churches.

The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof appoint—

1. That the following brethren be the Corresponding Members of the United Presbyterian Synod—the Rev. the Moderator, Revs. John Thompson, Professor Lorimer, Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Drummond, James Christie, John Bogue, William McCaw, John Clark, Dugald MacColl, John Black, *Ministers;* Messrs. Samuel Stitt, William Sutton, and John Hedley, *Elders.*

2. That Deputations appointed at last Synod which have not yet had an opportunity to fulfil their commissions, be re-appointed, viz. :—

(*a*) To the *Synod of the Church of Scotland in England*—The Revs. Dr. Fraser, Dr. Edmond, and Mr. G. B. Bruce.

(*b*) To the *National Reformed Church of France*—The Rev. T. W. Brown, Sir Geo. B. Pechell, Bart., and Mr. W. Melles.

3. That Deputations be appointed to the following Churches, as under :—

(*a*) To the *Free Church of Scotland*—The Rev. the Moderator, Revs. Robert Taylor and Richard Leitch, *Ministers;* and Mr. G. B. Bruce, *Elder*.

(*b*) To the *Irish Presbyterian Church*—The Revs. Dr. Wright and J. B. Dougherty, *Ministers;* Messrs. W. P. Sinclair and R. Hedley, *Elders*.

(*c*) To the *Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church*—The Revs. Dr. MacEwan and J. R. Welsh.

(*d*) To the *Waldensian Church*, and also to the *Union of Free Churches in France*—The Revs. Mr. Lundie, A. J. Murray, and Mr. Donald Matheson.

Formula for Probationers.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on a Formula for Preachers of the Gospel.

The Rev. W. Ballantyne, Convener, submitted the Report, and laid on the table a Draft of the Questions to be put on the occasion of the Licensing of Preachers, of which the following is the tenor :—

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and duty ?

2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the doctrine of the Westminster Confession of Faith as in accordance with the teaching of Holy Scripture ; and do you consent to the said Confession as the standard by which your teaching in this Church shall be judged ; it being understood in reference to the teaching of this Confession of Faith regarding the duty of civil rulers, that, while holding the subjection of such rulers, in their own province, to the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, you are not required to accept anything in that document which favours, or may be regarded as favouring, intolerance or persecution ?

3. Are you persuaded that the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, has therein appointed a government distinct

from, and not subordinate to, civil government; and do you acknowledge the Presbyterian form of government to be founded on, and agreeable to, the Word of God?

4. Do you promise, as a Probationer for the Ministry of this Church, to be subject to its government, and, while cherishing brotherly love towards all the faithful followers of Christ, do you engage to seek the purity, peace, and extension of this Church?

5. Are zeal for the glory of God, love to the Lord Jesus Christ, and a desire to save souls, and not worldly designs or interests, so far as you know your own heart, your great motives and chief inducements for desiring to enter into the office of the Holy Ministry?

6. Do you engage, in the strength and grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master, to live a holy and circumspect life, and faithfully to discharge all the parts of the work of a Probationer for the office of the Ministry?

7. And all these things you profess and promise through grace, as you shall be answerable at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, with all His saints, and as you would be accepted by Him at His glorious appearing?

The Synod receive the Report, and approve of and adopt the Formula of Questions now laid on the table.

Records of late U.P. Presbyteries.

The Synod find that, in regard to the Records of those Presbyteries in England formerly connected with the United Presbyterian Church, the Synod of that Church, at its meeting in Liverpool, instructed that these Records be sent in to the Librarian, Queen Street, Edinburgh; whereas the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England instructed that they be delivered to the Clerks of the new Presbyteries of the said Church.

To meet this conflict of instructions, occurring inadvertently, and in view of the fact that there are Duplicates of the Records of the Presbyteries of the United Presbyterian Church, the Synod instruct the Clerk to apply to the United Presbyterian Synod, through its Clerk, to the effect that, whilst one series of the said Duplicates be retained by that Synod, the other be transferred to this.

Rev. Mr. Campbell.

The Rev. Mr. Campbell, Representative of the Evangelisation Com-

mittee of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, being present, was introduced, and addressed the Synod on the work of that organisation.

The Synod receive Mr. Campbell with cordiality, sympathise with him heartily in the important work in which he and his coadjutors are engaged among the French Canadians, and hope that his mission to this country will be crowned with success.

Thanks. The Synod record their thanks to the Minister and other Office-bearers of Regent Square Church, for the use of their Church and other premises; to the Committee on Arrangements for the admirable arrangements they have made for the convenience and comfort of the Synod; and to the Christian families in London for the hospitality they have extended to the Members of Synod during the sittings thereof.

The Minutes of this day's Sederunts were read and sustained, and ordered to be attested, with the other Records, by the Moderator and Clerk.

Close. The Synod having now, in the good providence of God, brought its business to a close, was addressed by the Moderator, who declared this Synod closed, and indicted the next Synod to be held, as already resolved on, within Grosvenor Square Church, Manchester, on the last Monday of April, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-eight years, at Six o'clock p.m.

The proceedings were terminated with praise and prayer.

Signed, in name and by the authority of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England,

WILLIAM McKERROW, D.D., *Moderator.*
WILLIAM McCAW, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

COMMITTEES.

1.—HOME MISSION.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. R. Black	Rev. T. Macpherson	Mr. Cumming Andrews	Mr. R. McEwen
W. McCaw	Dr. MacLeod	W. Baldwin	H. L. McInnes
J. Cunningham	Mr. C. Moinet	R. Barbour	J. Robb
J. A. Gardiner	W. Morison	H. Coubrough	James Smith (New Brighton)
J. Gordon	J. J. Muir	R. Lockhart	S. Stitt
David Henderson	A. B. Muir	T. Matheson	R. Sumner
H. T. Howat	Jas. Muir	J. McDiarmid	
W. T. Johnston	W. Rigby Murray		
Geo. Johnstone	J. Reid		
Jas. Lees	J. Sclater		
Geo. Lewis	A. M. Symington		
R. H. Lundie	Jas. Towers		
J. T. McGaw			

With Representatives from Presbyteries, namely :—

MINISTERS: Revs. T. Boyd, C. Frisken, John More, James Milligan, James S. Rae, James Mackenzie, J. Nisbet Wallace, Dr. Grosart, Dr. Russell, W. Addison, W. Porteous, Dr. Morison, John Matheson, John M. Ross. ELDERS: Messrs. J. P. Dods (Hexham), A. P. Jameson (Manchester), George B. Bruce.

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		John Limont	R. T. Turnbull
		J. Muir Leitch	Thomas Bell
		A. Leslie	James Watson
		A. J. Malcolm	Jasper Young

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	Boyd	J. M. Leitch	Robert Garden
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Raitt	A. B. Mackay	A. Macnicol	A. Young
Simpson	J. Reid		
Wright	H. C. Wilson		

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		Geo. Duncan	W. P. Sinclair
		T. Matheson	
		Robert McEwen	

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CONVENER: Rev. T. W. Brown. TREASURER: Mr. T. Matheson. AUDITORS: Messrs. A. H. Whytt and Thomas Moffat.

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Fraser	T. Macpherson	Thomas Bell	James Parlane
Hamilton	H. Miller	Geo. B. Bruce	J. C. Stevenson, M.P.
T. W. Brown	Jas. Muir	G. Duncan	S. Stitt
Wm. McCaw	John Reid	R. Hedley	T. D. Thomson
J. A. Gardiner		F. J. Horniman	R. T. Turnbull
		D. Hutton	James Watson
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		Robert Lockhart	
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With Representatives from Presbyteries, same as on Foreign Missions Committee.

CONVENER: Rev. R. H. Lundie. SECRETARY: Mr. R. T. Turnbull. TREASURER: Mr. George Duncan. AUDITORS: Messrs. T. Bell and Walter Brodie.

9.—LAW AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Chalmers	Rev. W. Graham	Dr. Levi	Mr. J. Reid
Drummond	J. Black	Mr. W. Carruthers	Walter Graham
Dykes	R. H. Lundie	J. M. Leitch	Gainsford Bruce
Edmond	John Matheson	Adam Young	
Fraser	W. McCaw		
Lorimer	W. Morison		
MacEwan	James Muir		
Wright	W. Ballantyne		
Grosart			

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CONVENER: Dr. Leone Levi.

10.—STATISTICS.

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James Muir	John Black.	Mr. R. Wales	A. Littlejohn
		James Watson	

CONVENER: Dr. Leone Levi.

11.—SYNOD FUND.

TREASURER: Mr. James Watson.

12.—SUSTENTATION FUND.

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Paterson	James Muir	J. R. Robertson	Morton
J. T. Davidson	J. T. McGaw	R. T. Turnbull	Wales
Edmond	G. Bell	G. B. Bruce	W. Tulloch
Fraser	D.Fotheringham	W. Carruthers	J. R. Arnott
Hamilton	W. Dinwiddie	J. M. Leitch	S. Stitt
MacEwan	R. Leitch	Arch. Macnicol	C. E. Lewis, M.P.
Raitt	A. J. Murray	J. S. Ness	T. Bell
R. Taylor	R. Black	R. A. McLean	R. Garden
D. MacColl	A. M. Symington	F. G. Horniman	W. P. Sinclair
J. Matheson			

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Convenors: Revs. Dr. Fraser and MacEwan. Secretary: Rev. J. M. Ross. Treasurer: Mr. W. D. Anderson.

13.—CONTINENTAL WORK.

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Dykes	J. Kelly	Baron von Streng	J. C. Stevenson, M.P.
Fraser	R. H. Lundie	Mr. W. A. Boulnois	F. W. Thacker
Lorimer	T. Meyer	G. B. Bruce	D. Matheson
Morison	A. J. Murray	F. G. Horniman	J. S. Ness
Wright	J. Matheson	H. M. Matheson	James Watson
		J. E. Mathieson	

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John Gordon	John Sclater	A. P. Jameson	David Smith
W. Graham	James Towers		
W. T. Johnston			
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Edmond	J. Murray	W. P. Sinclair	Walter Graham
		S. Stitt	

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Convener: Rev. Dr. Dykes.

16.—PUBLICATIONS.

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Morison	H. Miller	Mr. G. B. Bruce	J. Watson
T. W. Brown	A. J. Murray	F. J. Horniman	
G Carlyle	J. M. Ross		
W. Dinwiddie	R. Taylor		
J. Gibb			

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CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Edmond. SECRETARY: Mr. Wm. Carruthers.
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Mackay	J. Matheson	W. A. Boulnois	Thos. Matheson
Paterson	Wm. McCaw	G. B. Bruce	A. Mouat
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Moore	J. L. Rentoul		
Raitt	Charles Moir		
John Matheson	J. Wood		
R. H. Lundie	Roome		

CONVENER: Dr. Wright.

21.—GENERAL PURPOSES (FORMERLY FINANCE).

The Conveners, Treasurers, and Secretaries of all Standing Committees, with the Representatives from Presbyteries.

N.B.—The Moderator is *ex officio* a Member of all the Standing Committees of the Church.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. That all Commissions transmitted to the Clerk of Synod shall be revised by him, in so far as regards the regularity of said Commissions in point of form, and that he shall report them to the Committee appointed by the Synod for receiving Commissions.

2. That the Clerk shall, on application, furnish Session Clerks with printed Copies of the Form of Commission, and of the Certificates appointed to be used by Act of Synod for certifying Elders chosen as Commissioners to the Synod, to be *bonâ fide* Acting Elders.

3. That all Commissions shall be in the hands of the Synod Clerk at least one week before the Synod meets.

4. That all Overtures and all Returns to Overtures from inferior Courts be in the form of Certified Reports from the Minutes of Courts, by which they are transmitted respectively, and that these be sent to the Clerk of Synod, so as to be in his hands at least one week before the meeting of Synod.

5. That papers in cases from inferior Courts, whether forming part of the Record or produced in evidence before said Courts, must, in each case, before they are given in, be duly dated, numbered, and initialed by the Clerk of the Court from which they come, and be accompanied by petition for transmission to the Committee of Bills by the parties sending them in.

6. That the Committee appointed by the Synod for Bills, Overtures, and Arrangement of Business, &c., shall meet as soon after their appointment as convenient, and as often as may be necessary thereafter, to prepare and arrange the business, and to transmit all papers which appear to them relevant to be taken up by the Synod, and regular in point of form, and that parties interested be in attendance.

7. That the Reports of the Committees of the principal Schemes of the Church be printed and circulated along with the *Actings and Proceedings* of Synod; and that a copy of each, certified by the Clerk as that given in to the Synod, be kept *in retentis*, and the Reports thus collected be bound up in volumes, to be preserved among the other Documents of the Synod.

8. That in cases where parties are called to the bar, two speeches only shall be heard for each party, including the reply, to which the appellant or complainant shall be entitled. But if there be more than two parties, there shall be only one speech heard for each, besides the reply. In case of there being more than one complainant, and it appearing that the complaints are on distinctly separate grounds, each may be considered a separate party.

9. That the following be the order in regard to Motions, Votes, and Decisions :—1. Every motion, whether original or amended, shall be given in to the Clerk, in writing, as soon as it shall have been read to the House.—2. When a motion is duly seconded, and in possession of the Synod, it shall not be competent to make any alteration upon it without the permission of the House, excepting in the shape of an amendment, or second or third motion, as the case may be, regularly proposed to the Synod.—3. The person who makes the first motion shall be entitled to the privilege of giving a reply, in which new matter must not be introduced; thereafter, the debate shall be held to be definitely closed, and no other person shall be entitled to speak, excepting with regard to the manner of putting the vote.—4. All motions after the first shall be considered as amendments on the first, and be disposed of accordingly.—5. When there are only two motions before the House, the question put to the vote shall be *motion* or *amendment*, or *first* or *second* motion.—6. When there are three motions, the first question shall be whether the second or third motion shall be put as the amendment against the first; and the second question shall be whether the first motion or amendment so fixed shall be the decision of the House.—7. When there are more than three motions, the first question shall be whether that last proposed shall be put as the amendment, and so on until only three remain, when the procedure shall be as presented in Article 6.

10. That in bringing up a Report from a Committee, the Convener thereof shall move the Synod to receive the Report, and shall thereafter move such Resolutions as embody the recommendations it contains.

11. That any proposal for a pause in the Synod's proceedings, with a view to engage in Special Devotional Exercises, shall be made to the Synod only through the Moderator, and that all letters addressed to the Moderator for the purpose of being communicated to the House, shall, in the first instance, be laid before the Business Committee, who shall advise the Moderator as to the way of disposing of them.

12. That Commissions or Letters from other Churches, or from Societies in favour of Deputies to the Synod, and all applications of persons to be heard by the Synod, shall be reported by the Business Committee, that proper arrangements may be made for their reception, if that shall, by said Committee, be deemed proper.

13. That Presbytery Books be called for on the Morning Diet succeeding the opening of the Court, and that a Committee or Committees be appointed for visiting the same, who shall fill up a schedule with the information required by the Synod regarding each book—said schedules to be returned not later than the end of the fourth day of the Synod meeting. That a copy of the Report, as sustained by the Synod, shall be transmitted to the Presbytery, to be engrossed in their Records.

14. That the Records of the Synod and of the Synod's Standing Committees shall be annually produced at the Synod, to be visited by a Committee appointed for this purpose, who shall attest the same on finding them correctly kept, and shall report thereon to the Synod.

15. That the Communion of the Lord's Supper be observed at the first Morning Sitting, before any business is transacted, and that the remainder of that Sitting, and the Evening Sitting thereafter, be devoted to the consideration of the Home Mission, Jewish, and Foreign Missions Reports; the Conveners of these Committees having authority to make public intimation of their concerted arrangements with reference to the reception of these Reports.

16. That the Minutes of any of the Diets be read and approved of *only* at a Morning Diet, with the exception of the Minutes of the last day of the Synod's Sittings.

17. That any Presbytery desiring certain of its representatives to be appointed members of the Business Committee of an ensuing Synod, may send in the names of such, with this view, to the Synod Clerk, one week at least before the meeting of said Synod, who is hereby directed, when the Synod is proceeding to the appointment of the said Committee, to declare such names along with the wish of the said Presbytery to the Synod.

18. That the Standing Orders be binding on all Meetings of the Synod, and that they be printed along with the Minutes of this Synod.

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REPORT ON MINISTERIAL CHANGES

FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR, 1876-77.

Presbytery of Berwick.

The Rev. James Stephens resigned his charge at Church Street Berwick, on the 29th of August, 1876.

Presbytery of Birmingham.

1. Mr. J. L. Skerret, Preacher of the Gospel, was ordained to the pastoral charge of New John Street Congregation on the 3rd of October, 1876.

2. The Rev. J. R. Mackenzie, D.D., died at Inverness on the 2nd of March, 1877.

Presbytery of Bristol.

There have been no Ministerial Changes during the year.

Presbytery of Carlisle.

1. Mr. James Jobling, Preacher of the Gospel, was ordained to the pastoral charge of Bewcastle Congregation on the 23rd of June, 1876.

2. The Rev. James Anderson, Minister of High Street Church, Whitehaven, resigned his charge on the 18th of July, 1876.

3. The Rev. John W. Ellison was inducted to the charge of High Street Church, Whitehaven, on the 27th of March, 1877.

Presbytery of Darlington.

Mr. James C. Laing, Preacher of the Gospel, was ordained to the pastoral charge of the Harrogate Congregation on the 24th of August, 1876.

Presbytery of Liverpool.

1. The Rev. Dr. Graham, Minister of Shaw Street Church, Liverpool, died on the 8th of September, 1876.

2. Mr. Walter Macfarlane was ordained to the pastoral charge of Shaw Street Congregation on the 21st of September, 1876.

3. The Rev. Robert Duff was inducted to St. George's Church, Liverpool, on the 23rd of February, 1877.

4. The Rev. Archibald Gardner was inducted to Hyslop Street Church on the 1st of March, 1877.

5. The Rev. A. Scott Matheson was translated from Bootle to Claremont United Presbyterian Church, Glasgow, on the 12th of March, 1877.

Presbytery of London.

1. The Rev. John Johnstone was inducted at Totton, Southampton, on the 18th of October, 1876.

2. The Rev. Robert D. Brownlee was inducted as Colleague and Successor to the Rev. James McGill, Bournemouth, on the 19th of October, 1876.

3. The Rev. Dugald MacColl, having been translated from Wandsworth on the 3rd of October, 1876, was inducted to Kensington on the 31st of October, 1876.

4. The Rev. Dr. Raitt, having been translated from John Knox Church, Stepney, on the 14th of November, 1876, was inducted at New Road Church, Woolwich, on the 6th of December, 1876.

5. The Rev. George Drysdale, having been translated from New Barnet on the 12th of December, 1876, was inducted at Crouch Hill on the 20th of December, 1876.

6. The Rev. Alexander Skene was inducted at Canonbury on the 18th of January, 1877.

7. The Rev. George Wilson was inducted at Stratford on the 30th of January, 1877.

8. The Rev. John Prentice, Minister at Lewes, died on the 17th of March, 1877.

Presbytery of Manchester.

1. Mr. Duncan Sillars, Preacher of the Gospel, was ordained to the pastoral charge of Hanover Square Church, Leeds, on the 4th of December, 1876.

2. Mr. James Warnock, Preacher of the Gospel, was ordained to the pastoral charge of the Warrington Congregation on the 15th of February, 1877.

Presbytery of Newcastle.

1. The Rev. John C. Weir, with his Congregation at Ellison Street, Jarrow, formerly connected with the United Presbyterian Church, applied to be received into the Presbytery, and was received accordingly on the 1st of August, 1876.

2. The Rev. James Craig was inducted at Willington Quay on the 31st of January, 1877.

3. The Rev. James Aitken was inducted at Northumberland Square, North Shields, on the 20th of March, 1877.

Presbytery of Northumberland.

There have been no Ministerial Changes in this Presbytery during the past year.

Tabulated Statement.

Presbytery of	Ordinatns.	Inductns.	Admissns.	Translatns.	Resignatns.	Deaths.
Berwick	..	..	..	..	1	..
Birmingham ..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Bristol.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
Carlisle	1	1	..	..	1	..
Darlington	1	..	..	..	..	..
Liverpool	1	2	..	1	..	1
London	..	7	..	3	..	1
Manchester....	2	..	..	..	..	..
Newcastle	..	2	1	..	..	..
Northumberland	..	..	..	..	..	..
	6	12	1	4	2	3

Total .. 28

W. McCAW, *Clerk.*

HOME MISSION REPORT,

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The Synod's Committee on the Home Mission, according to its present constitution, is charged with three departments of Christian work. These are *Church Extension*, *Evangelisation*, and *Temperance*. Some service has been rendered in each department during the past year, as your Committee now proceed to indicate.

I.—Church Extension.

Nine new spheres of labour have been undertaken, namely:—Walsall, in the Presbytery of Birmingham; Union Church and Sefton Park, in that of Liverpool; Brockley and Richmond, in that of London; Eccles and Whalley Range, in that of Manchester; and Byker and Gosforth, in that of Newcastle. A brief statement in regard to each may be acceptable to the Synod.

1. *Walsall.*—This is an important town in the Midlands, with a population of 50,000. It has been felt for many years that it presented a promising field for the planting of a Presbyterian Church. Difficulties, however, seemed in the way, and no action was taken till the Union. But this event gave an impetus to Church life and work, and at the first meeting of the Birmingham Presbytery thereafter arrangements were made for opening a Preaching Station at Walsall. Services were commenced on the 23rd of July in a public hall, and have been regularly sustained since with an encouraging measure of success; the average attendance in the morning being 100, and in the evening 170. There are 38 members enrolled in communion. A Sunday school is at work, with tract distribution and visitation agencies. Already the members of the congregation have subscribed £750 towards the building of a church; and, under the fostering care of the Presbytery and Synod, they are anticipating, with the Divine blessing, a future of abundant usefulness. Your Committee have willingly made a grant towards the maintenance of ordinances, and gather from all the characteristics of the movement that it is one of a more than ordinarily hopeful nature.

2. *Union Church, Liverpool.*—This Church, in Fountain's Road, Kirkdale, Liverpool, originated in the discovery of a large Presbyterian population in the north end of the town, for whom no Church accommodation existed; and in the desire to meet the spiritual wants of a densely populated and rapidly increasing district. The responsibility of this work has been undertaken by the Pastor

and Congregation of St. Peter's Church, and it is understood that a portion of its membership living in the neighbourhood of Fountains Road will connect themselves with the new Church and form the nucleus of the Congregation. The foundation-stone was laid on the occasion of the consummation of the Union last June; and though owing to the commercial depression in Liverpool the work has so far gone on slowly, it is earnestly hoped that this Church, for which hundreds of people are anxiously waiting, may speedily be completed.

3. *Sefton Park, Liverpool.*—As in the case of Walsall, the Church Extension movement in this neighbourhood was suggested and stimulated by the Union. The district is an influential one on the south side of Liverpool, with a rapidly increasing population. Many Presbyterian families have already settled there, and more are certain to be attracted thither. A number of friends, convinced that the locality is a suitable one for the founding of a Church, applied some months ago to the Presbytery of Liverpool for authority to undertake the work. The Presbytery willingly consented, a numerous Committee was formed, a very eligible site for the church has been secured, plans for the building are being obtained, it is to cost about £10,000, and of this sum subscriptions have already been promised to the amount of more than £7000. There being no hall in the neighbourhood suitable for the holding of services, no ordinances can be dispensed till the church be erected. But from the excellence of the locality, and the earnestness and public spirit of the promoters of the enterprise, your Committee are quite satisfied that it will prove one of very great importance, and they trust it will be crowned with abundant success.

There is another movement in connection with the Presbytery of Liverpool which, although it may not increase the number of existing Churches within the bounds, will contribute materially to the work of Church Extension. Your Committee refer to the proposed removal of the Church of St. Paul's, Birkenhead, to a much more desirable and necessitous locality at Higher Tranmere. This also is one of the issues of the recent happy Union. The neighbourhood in which St. Paul's is situated is more than sufficiently supplied with churches—there being two connected with the Presbyterian Church of England, besides a number connected with other denominations. The neighbourhood of Higher Tranmere, on the contrary, is seriously lacking in respect of church accommodation. The present population is 9000, and it is rapidly increasing, whilst there is accommodation in all the churches of the district for only 2000. In these circumstances the congregation of St. Paul's propose—with the cordial approval of the Liverpool Presbytery—to remove from a locality where their aggressive work is *not* required to one where it *is* required, and so they furnish a fitting illustration of the advantage that may flow from the Union in the direction of a better distribution of the churches formerly belonging to the two denominations now united. Your Committee cannot but commend such a movement as this, and as the expense connected with the transference will be very considerable, they trust that its claims will be generously recognised by the wealthy friends of the Church.

4. *Brockley.*—Brockley is the station referred to, under the name of New Cross, in the report submitted last year to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England. Although then alluded to, operations were only in prospect. During the past year they have been hopefully begun. The iron church previously in use at Upper Norwood has been erected on the site at Brockley. On the 19th of last October it was opened for Divine service. Sixty-eight sittings have been let. The attendance averages from 90 to 100, and the Sabbath collection is about £2. A vigorous local committee has been appointed, and is entering earnestly into the work of building up the Church. There is a fine field for labour, and under a settled ministry steady and hopeful progress is sure to be attained.

5. *Richmond.*—The Presbytery of London have for some years contemplated the erection of a church at Richmond, which is one of the most important suburbs of the city; and nothing but the urgency of the claims of certain other localities has prevented an earlier entrance on this promising field. In the month of November, however, a commodious hall was secured, and services were commenced. The attendance, though not very large, has been from the first encouraging and steadily increasing. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in March, and 27 communicants participated. Efforts are being made by the Presbytery's Church Extension Committee to obtain a suitable site for a church. The friends in the locality are thoroughly hearty and earnest, and determined that, with the Divine favour, the enterprise shall be successful. Your Committee have made a grant thereto from your funds, convinced that the locality is an important one to be occupied by the Church.

6. *Eccles.*—This is a rapidly increasing suburb of Salford, about four miles from Manchester, and, with Patricroft, which lies contiguous to it, contains a large population. There are Manchester merchants who live in their villa residences, and there are those in a humbler sphere who congregate in the numerous streets of the district. The number of the Presbyterian families in the neighbourhood is considerable, and in the autumn of last year they applied to the Presbytery of Manchester for a supply of ordinances. The application was readily granted. In the month of October services were commenced in the Co-operative Hall, and from the first the attendance has been very satisfactory. A weekly prayer-meeting is held, and well attended. A Sustentation Fund Committee has been appointed, and lady collectors chosen. It is in contemplation to commence a Sabbath school; efforts are being put forth to obtain a suitable site for a church; the people are generous and hearty; and altogether there is every reason to believe that this station will develop into a strong and vigorous congregation.

7. *Whalley Range, Manchester.*—There is perhaps no suburb of Manchester whose population has been increasing so rapidly for some years past as that of Whalley Range. It is stated on good authority that within the district so indicated no fewer than 19,000 people are now congregated, with an exceedingly limited supply of Gospel ordinances. The Presbytery of Manchester would have undertaken this field at a much earlier date had not questions arisen as to the best

mode of supplying the lack of ordinances there—whether by the transference thither of one of the existing congregations on that side the city, or by the origination of a new church. After lengthened and patient consideration, embracing consultation with all parties concerned, the Presbytery came to the conclusion a few months ago that the wisest course was to found a new church in the district. Services have accordingly been commenced in a public school-room in the locality, and, although the place of meeting is not so good as might be desired, the attendance has been good. The liberality of the people shows a steady increase, and the movement presents a very hopeful appearance. An arrangement has been made securing the continuous services of a suitable minister for three months; and it is hoped that, with the Divine blessing, his labours will be instrumental in consolidating the work. Steps are being taken to secure a site on which to erect, in the meantime, either an iron church or a commodious school-room as part of a permanent plan of church and schools. And it is hoped that by the end of another year your Committee will have to report that the new congregation has reached a condition of influence and strength.

8. *Byker, Newcastle.*—A growing suburb of that town, with a very considerable population, Byker was regarded by the late United Presbyterian Presbytery of Newcastle as a suitable field for Church Extension work, and three years ago they commenced religious services in the district. Towards the close of the year 1875 a joint Committee was appointed, consisting of members of the United Presbyterian and English Presbyterian Presbyteries, for the purpose of superintending and fostering the station. They placed it under the care of a Probationer of the Free Church of Scotland, who laboured there for three months. In the beginning of the following year the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed to about sixty communicants. After the Union the united Presbytery of course took charge of the station, and on applying to your Committee for a grant in aid of ordinances, it was freely given. Services are conducted in the Temperance Hall of the district, and the attendance is highly encouraging. There are many Presbyterian families too far removed from existing churches to attend regurlarly, the number of those who go to no church is very large, and altogether Byker presents a fine field for earnest and aggressive missionary work.

9. *Gosforth, Newcastle.*—This is another suburb. A few months ago a number of Presbyterians resident in the neighbourhood applied to the Presbytery to have steps taken for the formation of a new congregation. The application was favourably entertained, and a committee was appointed to further the movement. Great difficulty, however, was experienced in getting a place in which religious services might conveniently be held. At length a generous friend offered to purchase a site for a church, build a lecture-hall, and allow the congregation to have the use of it free of charge till they may be able to make it their own by paying the amount of the original expenditure. The people gladly availed themselves of this opportune proposal. A site has been secured; the lecture-hall, to accommodate 280 persons, is now being built, and is expected to be ready for opening in the month of

May. The district is one of much promise; a local committee has been appointed, is labouring with much heartiness in arranging all preliminaries, and those best conversant with the neighbourhood anticipate that the movement will be one of abounding usefulness.

These are the nine new spheres on which the Church has entered during the past year; and it will be seen by the Synod that each of them presents its own points of interest, and that all possess elements of encouragement and promise. Your Committee would bespeak in their behalf the sympathy of the Church; and as it is only the blessing of the Lord that can render any such enterprise effective for real spiritual good, they would enlist the Church's prayers in behalf of each and all of these new fields of labour, that they may yield abundant fruit in the future to the glory of the Father and the eternal salvation of many souls.

The Synod will be gratified to learn that those congregations whose commencement was reported last year, have in the interval been making satisfactory progress.

The station at *Crouch Hill* has been, by the Synod's authority, erected into a sanctioned charge; and the Rev. George Drysdale, formerly of New Barnet, has been inducted as the minister thereof. Since his settlement the progress has been highly encouraging; steps are being taken towards the erection of a church, and the congregation are full of hope in regard to the future.

Your Church at *Reading* has been successful in securing the pastoral services of the Rev. J. T. C. Gullan, late of Swansea; and the blessing anticipated under his labours has been even already largely realised.

Your station at *Canterbury* is still largely indebted to Mr. John Fraser, of that city, by whose zeal and liberality chiefly it has hitherto been sustained. Good progress has been made during the year. The hall in which services are held is usually filled on the Sabbath. An efficient committee has been formed, and it is in contemplation to take steps towards having the station erected into a regular charge, and the building of a church in this interesting cathedral city.

The Rev. James Laing has been inducted to the pastoral charge of your new congregation at *Harrogate;* and under his earnest ministry the Church gives fair promise of realising the rich blessing anticipated for it.

Before closing their Report on this department of their work, your Committee would take occasion to refer to the fact that the Rev. John Matheson, of Hampstead, has recently resigned his Convenership of the London Presbytery's Church Extension Committee, and would desire to place on record their sense of the Church's obligations to him for the admirable service he has rendered during his term of office. Mr. Matheson has acted as Convener of that Committee for eleven years, and during that time he has been instrumental in originating no fewer than twenty-one Churches within the bounds of the London Presbytery. Your Committee feel that he is entitled to the cordial thanks of the Church, and they trust that his successor in office, Mr. George B. Bruce, will have a similarly successful official career.

In this connection your Committee would take the liberty of calling

the attention of the Synod to the importance of there being a Church Extension Committee or Association within the bounds of each Presbytery, whose special business would be, in co-operation with your Committee, to promote the formation of new congregations in suitable localities within the bounds. So far as they are aware, the Presbyteries of London, Manchester, and Darlington are the only three that have appointed such Committees; and they are sure they may confidently refer to the experience of these three Presbyteries as a strong argument in favour of the advantage of such an appointment. If each Presbytery had its own Church Extension Committee, and especially if this Committee had a fund at its disposal—a fund that might be raised by annual subscriptions, by congregational collections, and by donors to the Union Thanksgiving Fund allocating a certain proportion of their subscriptions to local Church Extension—your Committee are fully assured that the work with which they are charged would be more effectively and more rapidly performed.

II.—Evangelisation.

Your Committee's functions in this department are to encourage and promote Evangelistic work in Presbyteries and congregations, by aiding them in obtaining suitable Evangelistic agents, and by defraying, when required, one-half of the expenses incurred in connection with such services in any locality. They regard this work as of great importance, inasmuch as there are, both in the large towns and the rural districts, multitudes perishing for lack of knowledge, who are never reached by the ordinary ministry of the Word, and, if overtaken at all, must be by special Evangelistic agencies. They find, however, that Presbyteries and congregations, so far as the obtaining of agents is concerned, usually find it more convenient to make their own local arrangements than to depend on your Committee; and so their chief service has been to stimulate local energy, to aid in providing funds for carrying on the work, and to collect and circulate such information regarding Evangelistic labours within the bounds of the several Presbyteries as might be advantageous and encouraging to the entire Church.

Your Committee have received reports from all the Presbyteries except that of London. And although they are afraid that the Evangelistic zeal that prevailed during recent years, and that was doubtless to a considerable extent stimulated by the extraordinary labours of the American Evangelists, has to some extent abated; yet they are thankful to be able to report that extensive efforts are being made all over the Church to carry the Gospel to the outlying masses, and by means of special services, Evangelistic addresses, cottage meetings, tract distribution, mission schools, colportage, and personal dealing with souls, to bring neglected sinners to the bosom and the blood of the blessed Saviour.

The Presbytery of *Berwick* report that special services have been held in connection with many of the congregations, that they have been attended with tokens of the Divine favour, that cottage meetings throughout the bounds have been owned as the means of doing much

good, and that the seed of the Word is being extensively sown, in the hope of a fuller harvest in the future.

The Presbytery of *Birmingham* are earnestly engaged in the work of the Lord among the masses. Almost all the congregations report efforts, services, and agencies of a special character for carrying the Gospel to those outside the Church; and of these, many have been attended with a manifest blessing. Particularly at Shrewsbury, Hanley, and Worcester, not only have special mission services been held, but a hallowed impression produced, and real spiritual profit found by not a few.

In the Presbytery of *Bristol* no special agencies seem to be employed, but the several ministers and congregations recognise the obligation resting on them of doing what they can in their several spheres to promote the evangelisation of the careless around them.

From the Presbytery of *Carlisle* comes the report of a mission week, the services of which were shared by Established Churchmen and Nonconformists, and in which your ministers and congregations took prominent part. The attendance was large, the impression produced deep, and, there is reason to believe, the results permanent and sanctifying.

The Presbytery of *Darlington*, whilst appointing a general committee for Evangelistic work, have arranged their congregations in five groups, giving a sub-committee to each group, so that the work may be more efficiently carried on. A good commencement has been made, and the Presbytery are hopeful that the future will show much good fruit in this department.

A full report has been received from the Presbytery of *Liverpool*, giving a detailed record of Christian work in connection with the several congregations. The record presents very gratifying evidence of Evangelistic service rendered, and of good done in various localities. A few illustrations may be given :—

The minister of Claughton reports that a series of meetings, six in all, were conducted by his Church, four for the members and adherents of the Church, one for the Church children, and one for women in the mission district. They were well attended, a spirit of earnestness seemed to pervade them, a full Gospel was preached by Evangelists from Glasgow, London, and Liverpool, with great power and affectionateness. The minister says, "I believe the Spirit of God was present, and I hope that great good may result from the seed sown."

The minister of St. Peter's, Liverpool, reports, "We had a three weeks' mission last October with very blessed results. At the Communion which followed soon after, sixty-seven new members were added to the Church, the majority of them the direct fruit of that special effort. Again, a fortnight's special services were held during the spring with very hopeful results. Besides these special meetings, aggressive work is being constantly carried on in two mission halls. The work there is very encouraging in the fruit that has already been gathered in."

From Egremont the report states that special services were held at the several mission districts, and also at the church, extending over a period of four or five weeks, a week's services in a district. On the whole, the meetings were well attended. At Seacombe there was a quickening of the Christian life of many, the meetings there being preceded by much prayer for a blessing. The missionary at Union Rooms, Egremont, says, "Several persons were deeply impressed."

The Everton Valley report says, "The streets around our church have been visited as on former years. Much time was given by many of our workers to the lapsed Presbyterians in our neighbourhood, but as yet theyhave not been able to prevail on many of them to resume their places in the house of God. In the summer months our out-door services were continued, and many who attended them were led to worship with us in our sanctuary. Of the results of our recent special services it is too soon to speak, otherwise than to say that, judging from the numbers that attended, and the spirit manifested, they must be helpful to us for many days to come. Altogether in spiritual matters we are thankful and hopeful."

The Convener of the Evangelistic Committee in the Presbytery of *Manchester* writes as follows:—

"Early in the year arrangements were made for a six weeks' mission in Manchester. The Committee were successful in securing the services of several ministers from a distance, of known Evangelistic ability and earnestness, by whom the brethren might be assisted. With a few exceptions the various congregations in and near Manchester took up the part of the programme assigned to them, and held meetings for a week or part of a week, either in their own churches or in mission districts connected with them. The attendance in most cases was considerable, in some even large, not a few being attracted who are not regular frequenters of any place of worship. The addresses delivered were earnest and pointed, and were listened to with deep attention and interest, while several instances came to light of genuine conviction of sin and turning unto God. These annual services have grown into quite an institution here, many of our people looking forward to them with eager expectation, and back upon them with lively satisfaction, as 'times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.'"

A very copious report has come from the Presbytery of *Newcastle*. In this matter of Evangelistic enterprise that Presbytery certainly sets a noble example to the entire Church. Almost every congregation is engaged regularly in some department of mission work, and many have all the usual agencies statedly employed—Mission Halls, Mothers' Meetings, Special Services, Bands of Hope, Cottage Meetings, Bible-Women's Labours, Children's Services—showing in the aggregate an amount of Christian work that reflects high credit on them as earnest labourers in the service of the Lord. Your Committee regret that their limited space forbids their giving extracts from this report; they hope, however, on a future occasion to present to the Church a detailed record of the missionary and Evangelistic work of this laborious Presbytery.

In the Presbytery of *Northumberland* most of the congregations are situated in rural districts, and these do not present so good a field for Evangelistic services as the towns. Yet the report from that Presbytery records a very considerable amount of work in this department. In the towns of Morpeth, Alnwick, Wooler, and North Sunderland stated efforts have been made to carry the Gospel to the non-church-going classes. Even in the rural districts interesting and impressive services have been held for their special benefit, and these, with the cottage meetings that are held, the distribution of tracts, and the personal efforts of Christian workers, have had in the case of many a

highly beneficial effect. It is therefore no wonder that the report concludes in these terms :—

"As a Presbytery, surveying the work of the past year, we feel that we have much reason to take courage, and with thankful hearts and unrelaxed energies to continue our endeavours for the advancement of the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus."

Your Committee rejoice to know that there is thus a real desire evinced throughout the Church to go out to the highways and hedges and compel the people to come in. They trust that no congregation will rest contented till it has put forth its utmost energies in this important department of Christian service, and as the fields are white unto the harvest, they pray for more labourers to go forth and reap that so the Lord's granary may be filled.

III.—Temperance.

There is no department of their work in regard to which your Committee feel their impotence so keenly as that in connection with the subject of Temperance. The evils resulting from intemperance in this country are so numerous, so appalling, and so manifestly on the increase, and their inability effectively to deal with them is so palpable, that there is a strong temptation to give up the contest in despair.

The Excise Returns for the year 1876 have just been published, and they show that the amount of money spent on intoxicating liquors in the United Kingdom during the past year has been a very serious increase even on the enormous sum spent in the preceding year. In 1875 the amount was £142,876,669, in 1876 it has risen to £147,288,759—that is, an increase of four millions and a half sterling within the twelve months. And this increase has been going on year by year in the past history of the country, to the consternation and dismay of every philanthropist and every Christian. In 1870, for example, the amount expended was £118,836,284. During every year from that time till this the amount has been on the increase, until now it reaches the enormous figure of £147,288,759—that is, it is nearly *twenty-nine millions sterling* more than it was seven years ago.

Of course, the increase in the consumption of intoxicating liquors means the increase of all the evils and miseries that degrade the country. One of Her Majesty's Judges said recently from the Bench :—

"I have been for sixteen years a judge, and I am persuaded I do not exaggerate when I say that nineteen-twentieths of the crime of the calendar is the produce of drunkenness. The results of intemperance are pauperism, destitution, gaols, lunatic asylums, workhouses, and the grave."

That is the testimony of a Judge from the Bench, and it is corroborated by the observation of every candid, intelligent man. If, then, the consumption of intoxicating liquors continues to increase in the future as it has done in the past, manifestly the period of England's decadence is not far distant. The skill of her workmen must deteriorate ; her

social condition, her morals, her industry, her religion—every element that contributes to make her a great country—must be ruinously affected by this inordinate consumption of strong drink, and if God have not mercy on her the sun of her glory will have set.

Now in the presence of such a dread enemy to England's morals and Christianity, there is a strong temptation to give up the contest in the spirit of despair. Let it be remembered, however, that the Lord of Hosts is on the side of those who contend for sobriety and religion. With His aid every office-bearer and every member of the Church can do something by his personal example and his Christian influence to stem the tide of intemperance. Every minister can make use of the pulpit and the platform to expose the frightful evils of drunkenness and persuade the people to habits of sobriety. Every Session can set its face against the monster evil of the times. Every Sabbath School can make efforts to enlist the young on the side of Temperance. Every Presbytery can devise measures, by holding public conferences, by the issuing of Temperance tracts, or by the formation of Temperance organisations, to counteract the ravages of the great destroyer. And this Synod can make its voice heard in the Halls of Parliament, in demanding that, in the interests of the nation's morality and religion, the Legislature shall use its power, by every legitimate means, to suppress the drunkenness and debauchery of the people.

Something, too, may be done *socially* in the way of providing the people with other attractions and enjoyments which may counteract those of the gin palace. In this connection your Committee would take occasion to advert to an experiment that has been tried on a large scale in Liverpool, and that so far has been crowned with very striking success. More than two years ago a number of Christian gentlemen in that town, appalled by the frightful ravages of intemperance amongst the working classes, formed a Company—with the respected Treasurer of your Committee as chairman—called the British Workman Public-House Company, Limited, for the purpose of providing for the people all the comforts of the public-house, with this difference, that instead of intoxicating drinks they would have cocoa, tea, and coffee, with requisite accompaniments, of the best quality and at the most reasonable cost. The Company, whilst philanthropic in its design and tendency, was yet formed on strictly commercial principles. And the results have been such as to astonish its most sanguine promoters. The second Annual Report was submitted in the month of February last, and showed a dividend of ten per cent. per annum, free of income tax, with a large balance to be carried forward to next year's account. Twenty houses have already been opened in various parts of Liverpool, chiefly in the neighbourhood of the docks; and several others are at present being prepared. So extensively are these houses being patronised by working men and their families, that last week the receipts at the twenty houses were about £700; and when it is remembered that this sum was taken in halfpence and pence, it will be seen that the popularity of the houses is very great.'

And the moral results of this experiment are quite as striking as the commercial. There have been many instances in which drunkards

have been reclaimed. No fewer than 2400 persons have been induced to sign the Total Abstinence pledge. And influences for good have been exercised on the frequenters of these houses which may, by God's blessing, lead them to tread not only in the paths of sobriety, but also in those of religion.

Your Committee cannot but regard this as a most interesting and successful experiment. It is a fine illustration of one of the methods that may be adopted for the suppression of intemperance. And they can see no reason why the example set in Liverpool should not be followed all over the country. The plan is as really suited for the country village as for the large city. And for men who are anxious to use their *social* influence for the suppression of intemperance, they can conceive of no method more likely of success than that they adopt the plan of the Liverpool Cocoa Houses.

There is another aspect of this Temperance question in which, as your Committee believe, this Synod may render important service. They refer to the Closing of Public-Houses on the Lord's Day. They have long cherished the conviction that this is *the* department of the general Temperance question, in regard to which all the Churches of the country are *prepared* to unite, and all *should* unite, and be determined never to abandon the agitation until the boon of Sunday Closing be obtained. One very important instalment would thus be secured towards the general sobriety of the community.

The success that has attended the Second Reading of Professor Smyth's Bill for Sunday Closing in Ireland gives encouragement to those who advocate a similar measure for England. Your Committee, however, are convinced that, although the principle of that measure has been adopted, most strenuous efforts will be made to prejudice its usefulness by excluding from its application the cities and large towns of Ireland. They would regard this as a great evil. The Second Reading has been carried in the House of Commons by an overwhelming majority; the prevailing sentiment in Ireland is decidedly in favour of the measure; the large towns are just the spheres in which its operation is most required; the Divine law demands a peaceful and sacred Sabbath; and for all these reasons your Committee believe that the Synod should strengthen the hands of the advocates of that measure in the House of Commons by petitioning that House in favour of its being made applicable to the entire country without any exceptions.

So soon as this measure shall have been secured for Ireland—and your Committee trust that shall be during the present Session of Parliament—already secured, and in operation with the most beneficial results, in Scotland for the past twenty years—they are of opinion that the way will be quite open for a thoroughly earnest agitation that it may be obtained also for England. They are aware that the Central Association for stopping the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday have plans prepared for bringing their influence to bear on every Church and every Temperance organisation in England, with the view of stimulating all to a united, earnest, and sustained effort in behalf of Sunday closing in this country. And they trust that when the time

for united action arrives, this Church will not be found wanting, but that from every Presbytery and every congregation a petition will reach the Commons House of Parliament, urging the closing of public-houses during the whole of the Lord's Day. Your Committee have no doubt whatever that the reliable public sentiment of the country is in favour of such a measure, and they believe it needs only that that sentiment be made thoroughly manifest in order that the measure be secured. Meanwhile they recommend that this Synod petition the Legislature in favour of the Bill of the Honourable Member for Hull that is now on the table of the House of Commons.

Funds.

Your Committee regret to say that the funds of your Mission are in a very unsatisfactory condition. At the present time there is a balance due to your Treasurer to the amount of £479. And unless the Church come directly to the relief of your Committee, this adverse balance is certain to be materially increased. They have already incurred liabilities in connection with their Church Extension work, covering the next four years, to the extent of more than £4000. Besides, it will be in the recollection of the Synod that the late United Presbyterian congregations in England entered into the Union on the explicit understanding—as stated in the Union documents—that those congregations which had been aid-receiving should continue to be as liberally supported as they had been previously. To contribute to this end, the United Presbyterian Church generously resolved to continue their aid to such congregations for five years after the Union, on the following scale, namely:—For the first year the sum of £2500, being the amount paid for augmentation in 1875, less the sum received for augmentation from English congregations in that year, and in each of the four succeeding years a sum diminishing annually by one-fifth of the original amount. Understanding then that the late United Presbyterian congregations have contributed, or will contribute, the amount of about £500 necessary to fulfil the condition indicated for the current year, the Synod will perceive that during the ensuing year the sum received from the United Presbyterian Synod will be only £2000—in fact, will diminish by £500 every year—and it will be the duty of the united Church, through this Committee, to supply the deficiency.

Your Committee, of course, are cherishing the expectation that all the late United Presbyterian congregations will see it to be their duty at the very earliest moment to identify themselves with the Sustentation Fund of the Church. In the meantime, however, your Committee are charged with the carrying out of the pecuniary arrangements made before the Union. And the Church will see that, unless strenuous efforts be at once made to place them in possession of adequate funds, very material embarrassment will ensue.

And now your Committee resign their trust into the hands of the Synod. They do so in the assurance that in connection with the work of Church Extension there is a future of great usefulness and enlargement before the Church. The recent Union has increased immensely

the Church's strength, her influence, her *prestige*, her general power of doing good in the country. She is now known, respected, honoured, as she never was before. England needs the testimony she is commissioned to bear. She has a pure Gospel to unfold; she has a constitution which provides equally for the *liberty* of the individual and for the *order* of the Church; she has a unity which admirably qualifies her for concentrated action in every department of Christian work; and she has a measure of spiritual life which prompts her to do what she can to meet the religious destitution of the country. These are the very qualities in a Church which the country requires. Its religious and its ecclesiastical condition are unsatisfactory in the extreme. With Ritualism rampant in one section of the Established Church, and Rationalism in another; with a laxity of theological creed appearing in some Nonconforming Churches, and a lack of unity and cohesion in most of them; with irreligion, intemperance, and immorality so extensively prevailing throughout the land; the principles and the polity of the Presbyterian Church of England, your Committee believe, are admirably adapted to meet the necessities of the times. Let her be faithful to the traditions of the past, faithful to her Divine King and Head, faithful to the truth which is her heritage, faithful to the commission which her Lord has entrusted to her; let her ministers be clothed with salvation, and her elders be men of faith; let her people abound in prayer, and esteem it their highest luxury to be doing good; and then the Lord will make her a great benefit and blessing in the land.

In name of the Committee,

WILLIAM McCAW,
W. RIGBY MURRAY, } *Joint-Conveners.*

MANCHESTER, *April 5th*, 1877.

HOME MISSION FUND.—TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1876.

Presbyteries, Churches, &c.	Collections and Subscriptions received.	Total of each Presbytery.	Grants, &c., paid.	Total of each Presbytery.
Presbytery of Berwick	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ancroft Moor	0 6 3			
Beaumont Union	—			
Belford: Columba	0 10 7			
,, Erskine	—			
Berwick: Bank Hill	1 0 0			
,, Church Street	—			
,, Wallace Green	30 0 0			
Chatton	3 0 0			
Crookham	0 10 7			
Etal	—			
Holy Island	—			
Horncliffe	—			
Lowick	0 15 0			
Norham: North Church	1 0 0			
,, South ,, ...	5 2 6			
Spittal	4 0 0			
Tweedmouth	—			
		46 4 11		
Presbytery of Birmingham				
Birmingham: Broad Street	—			
,, Camphill	8 3 8			
,, New John Street ...	—			
,, Smethwick	—			
Burton-on-Trent	1 7 11			
Derby	—			
Dudley	—			
Hanley	—			
Leicester	—			
Nottingham	3 3 3			
Shrewsbury	...		56 5 0	
Stafford...	—			
Walsall	...		12 10 0	
Wolverhampton	—			
Worcester	...			
		12 14 10		68 15 0
Presbytery of Bristol				
Aberdare	—			
Bristol	—			
Cardiff	10 0 0			
Cheltenham	8 16 9			
Gloucester	4 15 0			
Hereford: Michael Church	—			
Plymouth	—			
Swansea	4 10 0			
Torquay	14 1 10			
Wyastone Leys	—			
		42 3 7		
Presbytery of Carlisle				
Barrow-in-Furness	5 11 10			
Bewcastle	—			
Brampton	—			
Carlisle: Warwick Road	2 10 6			
,, Fisher Street	—			
Cleator Moor	—			
Great Salkeld	5 10 0			
Haltwhistle	—			
Maryport: John Street	2 0 0			
,, Crosby Street	8 10 0			
Carried forward	24 2 4	101 3 4		68 15 0

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Presbytery of Carlisle—*(continued.)*	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	24	2	4	101	3	4				68	15	0
Penrith	30	0	0									
Penruddock		—										
Whitehaven: Market Place ...	2	2	0									
,, High Street		...					25	0	0			
Workington		—										
				56	4	4				25	0	0
Presbytery of Darlington												
Bishop Auckland		—										
Crook		—										
Darlington	4	16	7									
Ferryhill	1	17	10									
Grimbsy	2	14	7				100	0	0			
Hartlepool	3	0	0									
Harrogate		...					25	0	0			
Hull: Holderness Road	2	8	0				100	0	0			
,, Prospect Street	24	5	4									
,, Springbank		—										
Middlesborough	2	4	5				50	0	0			
Redcar		—										
Stockton: St. George's	2	12	1				62	10	0			
,, St. Andrew's		—										
Towlaw		—										
West Hartlepool	2	0	0									
Whitby: Trinity	1	10	0				87	10	0			
York		—					75	0	0			
				47	8	10				500	0	0
Presbytery of Liverpool												
Birkenhead: Claughton	27	8	0									
,, Grange Road	70	14	4									
,, Hamilton	1	10	0									
,, St. Andrew's	11	0	0									
,, St. Paul's		—										
Chester	3	9	0									
Douglas	3	3	0									
Egremont		—										
Liverpool: Canning Street	36	19	3									
,, Derby Road		—										
,, Everton Valley... ...	11	0	0									
,, Fairfield	14	18	0									
,, Hyslop Street		—										
,, Islington...	40	16	0									
,, Mount Pleasant... ...	23	1	5									
,, Princes Park Road ...		—										
,, Queen's Road		—										
,, Shaw Street		—										
,, St. George's	6	5	0									
,, St. Peter's	5	8	0									
,, Trinity	14	5	7									
,, Vauxhall Road		—										
Parkgate	2	10	0									
Ramsay...		—										
Rockferry	13	8	6									
Southport	14	2	2									
St. Helen's	2	2	6									
Sutton		—										
Waterloo		—										
		—		302	0	9						
Carried forward				506	17	3				593	15	0

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Brought forward...	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d
		506 17 3		593 15 0
Presbytery of London				
Alderney	—			
Aldershot	—			
Aston Tirrold	—			
Bournemouth	—			
Brighton: Trinity	10 0 0			
,, Queen's Road	10 10 0			
Canterbury	...		50 0 0	
Chatham	—			
Croydon	7 5 0			
Demerara	—			
Gravesend	—			
Guernsey	1 8 11			
Holybourne	—			
Ipswich	—			
Jersey	—			
Lewes	—			
London: Belgrave	—			
,, Bermondsey	...		81 5 0	
,, Bow Road	—			
,, Brockley	..		25 0 0	
,, Camberwell	—			
,, Camden Road	9 0 0			
,, Canonbury...	—			
,, Clapham Road	100 0 0			
,, Clapton	—			
,, Crouch Hill	...		100 0 0	
,, Ealing	...		100 0 0	
,, East India Road	—			
,, Forest Hill	—			
,, Goldington Crescent ...	...		50 0 0	
,, Greenwich	30 12 0			
,, Hammersmith	—			
,, Hampstead	83 9 9			
,, Highbury	22 15 6			
,, Islington	23 5 2			
,, Kensington	—			
,, Kingston-on-Thames ...	...		100 0 0	
,, Marylebone	62 19 8			
,, Millwall	—			
,, New Barnet	—			
,, Notting Hill	38 11 6			
,, Old St. Pancras	—			
,, Oxendon Street	—			
,, Regent Square	133 2 6			
,, Richmond	...		25 0 0	
,, St. John's Wood	190 5 0			
,, South Kensington ...	5 0 0			
,, Southwark	1 10 0			
,, Stepney	—			
,, Stratford	—			
,, Streatham	...		100 0 0	
,, Tottenham..	6 10 0			
,, Upper Norwood	...		87 10 0	
,, Victoria Docks	...		50 0 0	
,, Wandsworth	11 0 0		62 10 0	
,, Westbourne Grove ...	—			
,, Whitfield	—			
Carried forward	747 5 0	506 17 3	831 5 0	593 15 0

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Presbytery of London.—*(continued.)*				
Brought forward	747 5 0	506 17 3	831 5 0	593 15 0
London: Willesden	3 10 0		175 0 0	
,, Wood Green	1 13 0		100 0 0	
,, Woolwich: St. Andrew's .	—			
,, ,, New Road ...	—			
Maidstone	...		25 0 0	
Norwich	12 0 0			
Portsmouth	—			
Reading	...		75 0 0	
Singapore	—			
Silverhill: Hastings	2 12 10			
Southampton: St. Andrew's ...	6 0 0			
,, Totton	—			
,, Woolston	...		81 5 0	
Withyham	—			
		773 0 10		1287 10 0
Presbytery of Manchester				
Blackburn: Mount St.	3 8 0			
,, St. George's	10 0 0			
Bolton	—			
Bradford	—			
Crewe	1 11 6			
Eccles	...		25 0 0	
Leeds: Hanover Square	...		25 0 0	
,, St. Columba's	1 4 6			
Manchester: Ancoats...	...		50 0 0	
,, Bowdon...	10 0 0			
,, Brunswick Street ...	30 0 0			
,, Coupland Street ...	—			
,, Grosvenor Square ...	29 0 0			
,, Higher Broughton ...	—			
,, Longsight	7 2 9			
,, Pendleton	—			
,, Sale	—			
,, Salford	5 0 0			
,, St. Andrew's	16 10 0			
,, Trinity	38 10 0			
,, Withington	9 1 0			
Preston	..			
Ramsbottom	4 0 0		25 0 0	
Risley	—			
Rochdale	—			
Sheffield	—			
Stalybridge	1 10 0			
Tunley	—			
Warrington	0 17 8			
Wharton	1 3 6			
Wigan	3 0 0			
		171 18 11		125 0 0
Presbytery of Newcastle-on-Tyne	—			
Bellingham	—			
Blackhill	—			
Blythe: Bridge Street	—			
,, Waterloo Road	2 3 2			
Durham	0 12 0			
Falstone	1 8 0			
Gateshead: Durham Road	3 10 0			
,, Ellison Street	—			
Hebburn	—			
Carried forward	7 13 2	1451 17 0		2006 5 0

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Presbyteries, Churches, &c.	Collections and Subscriptions received. £ s. d.	Total of each Presbytery. £ s. d.	Grants, &c., paid. £ s. d.	Total of each Presbytery. £ s. d.
Presbytery of Newcastle-on-Tyne.—*(contd.)*				
Brought forward...	7 13 2	1451 17 0		2006 5 0
Hexham				
Houghton-le-Spring	3 13 7			
Jarrow	...		70 0 0	
,,	—			
Killingworth	0 10 0			
Newcastle: Barras Bridge	7 0 0			
,, Blackett Street	—			
,, Byker	—			
,, Erskine Church... ...	—			
,, John Knox	6 0 0			
,, Park Road	3 0 0		75 0 0	
,, St. George's	—			
,, Trinity	6 0 0			
,, Westmoreland Road ...	23 0 0			
North Shields: Howard Street ...	—			
,, Northumberland Sq.	—			
Seaton Burn	2 0 0		30 0 0	
Seaton Delaval	0 15 0			
South Shields: East Street	—			
,, Laygate	2 17 8			
,, Mile End Road ...	—			
,, St. John's	2 10 0			
Stamfordham	1 5 0			
Sunderland: Bethany	—			
,, North Bridge Street ..	3 0 0			
,, St. George's	8 15 0			
,, St. Stephen's	1 14 0			
,, Smyrna	5 5 0			
,, Trinity	14 15 1			
Swalwell	1 12 4			
Walker	1 10 0			
Wallsend	—			
Wark	1 3 0			
Willington Quay	...		25 0 0	
		103 18 10		200 0 0
Presbytery of Northumberland				
Alnwick: Clayport Street	—			
,, Lisburn Street	—			
,, St. James's	0 10 0			
Bavington	1 5 0			
Bedlington	2 2 0			
Birdhopecraig	—			
Branton	—			
Embleton	2 7 0			
Felton	0 17 0			
Glanton	—			
Harbottle	—			
Longframlington	0 12 0			
Morpeth	5 0 0			
Newbiggin	—			
North Middleton	1 5 0			
North Sunderland: West Church ...	5 13 2			
,, East Church ...	—			
Otterburn	6 6 0			
Thropton	—			
Warenford	1 5 0			
Warkworth	—			
Carried forward	27 2 2	1555 15 10		2206 5 0

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Presbyteries, Churches, &c.	Collections and Subscriptions received.			Total of each Presbytery.			Grants, &c., paid.			Total of each Presbytery.		
Presbytery of Northumberland.—(*continued.*)	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward...	27	2	2	1555	15	10				2206	5	0
Widdrington	1	10	0									
Wooler : Cheviot Street		—										
,, Tower Hill...	2	0	0									
,, West Chapel	1	9	10	32	2	0						
Composed of				1587	17	10				2206	5	0
130 Collections, yielding	999	14	2									
13 Associations	568	1	0									
5 Juvenile Missionary Associations ..	20	2	8									
Donations												
R. Barbour, Esq., Bolesworth Castle.	50	0	0									
A Friend, Manchester	50	0	0									
Rev. Wm. McCaw, Manchester ...	10	0	0									
S. Stitt, Esq., Liverpool	10	0	0									
Thos. Matheson, Esq., Liverpool ...	10	0	0									
A. P. Stewart, Esq., M.D.	6	6	0									
Anonymous	2	10	0									
Rev. T. Dods	1	0	0									
W. F.	1	0	0									
				140	16	0						
Free Church of Scotland		...		65	12	10						
Half Evangelistic Expenses... ...		...								10	17	3
Other Items as per Abstract		...								212	1	2
				1794	6	8				2429	3	5

HOME MISSION FUND,

In Account with the Treasurer, 1876.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To the Presbytery of Birmingham ...	68	15	0			
,, ,, Carlisle	25	0	0			
,, ,, Darlington ...	500	0	0			
,, ,, London	1287	10	0			
,, ,, Manchester ...	125	0	0			
,, ,, Newcastle-on-Tyne.	200	0	0			
				2206	5	0
,, Annuities	40	0	0			
,, Travelling Expenses	44	9	9			
,, Half Expenses of Evangelistic Services	10	17	3			
,, Loss in realising security	48	18	7			
,, Printing, Stationery, and other Incidental Expenses	78	12	10			
				222	18	5
				£2429	3	5
,, Balance due to Treasurer				£469	7	9

Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance in hand from 1875	...		...	165	9	0
,, 130 Collections	999	14	2			
,, 13 Associations	568	1	0			
,, 5 Juvenile Missionary Associations	20	2	8			
,, 9 Donations	140	16	0			
				1728	13	10
,, Free Church of Scotland Collections...	...		...	65	12	10
,, Balance carried forward	...		...	469	7	9
				£2429	3	5

Accounts audited and found correct,

THOS. MATHESON,
THOS. MOFFAT. } *Auditors.*

E. & O. E.

LIVERPOOL, *5th April*, 1877.

(Signed) ROBT. LOCKHART, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1877.

CHINA.

MISSIONARIES.

			Station.
*	Rev. Carstairs Douglas, LL.D.	arrived in China, 1855.	Amoy.
*	,, George Smith	,, 1857.	Swatow.†
	,, W. S. Swanson	,, 1860.	Amoy.†
	,, H. L. Mackenzie	,, 1860.	Swatow.
*	,, W. Macgregor	,, 1864.	Amoy.
	,, Hugh Ritchie	,, 1867.	Formosa.†
*	,, William Duffus	,, 1869.	Swatow.†
	,, William Campbell	,, 1871.	Formosa.
	,, Robert Gordon	,, 1872.	Amoy.
	,, John C. Gibson	,, 1874.	Swatow.
	,, Thomas Barclay	,, 1874.	Formosa.
	,, David Smith	,, 1875.	Formosa.
*	William Gauld, M.D.	,, 1863.	Swatow.
	James L. Maxwell, M.D.	,, 1863.	Formosa.†
*	Matthew Dickson, M.D.	,, 1871.	Formosa.

Native Evangelists—21 at Amoy, 6 at Swatow, and 22 at Formosa.
Students—11 at Amoy, 7 at Swatow, and 9 at Formosa.

STATIONS.

District of Amoy.

Eight Stations organised as Churches—viz., E-mung-kang, Pechuia, Bay-pay, Khi-boey, Liong-bun-si, Anhai, Kiolai, and Chin-chew.

Sixteen Stations not yet organised as Churches—Yu-boey-kio, Peh-chioh, Koanjim, Koankio, Awsai, Liongkay, Kiong-nia, Siong-see, Tinhai, Phukiong, Tung-kio, Ta-ying, Kang-khau, Go-ché, Pan-to, and Aw-po.

District of Swatow.

Swatow, Ch'ao-chow-foo, Toa-sua-thau, Yamtsau, Phu-sua, Ungkung, Chiah-na Tat-hau-pow, Ch'ao-yang, Kieh-yang, Sin-hü, Miow, Ho-po, Ngou-hun-tang Ho-tshan, and Kway-tham. Six of these are organised Congregations.

Island of Formosa.

Taiwanfoo (Chief City), Bak-sa, Kam-a-na, Kong-a-na, Poah-bay, Hoan-a-chan, Pe-taou (District City), Takao, Tang-kang, Tek-a-kha, Lam-gan, Taw-kuu-eng, Akao, Alikang, lam-paw, Ka-la-paw, Kio-a-laou, Kagi (District City), Peh-tsui-khay, Thau-sia, Ka-poa-soa, Toa-sia, Lai-sia, Aw-gu-lan, Toa-lam, and Gu-khun-soa.

Seventy years ago the first protestant missionary to China was sent out by the London Missionary Society. Robert Morrison was a member

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* Salary paid by the Auxiliary Association in Scotland.
† At home for rest.

of our own Church, the son of a godly elder at Newcastle. But our Church was in those days too dead to have any missions of her own, and it was not till the passing away of a generation that China was at all opened for the entrance of the Gospel. Dr. Morrison carried on his secret labours in a hired warehouse in the Portuguese Colony of Macao, generally, it is said, hiding the lamp by which he studied behind a quarto volume of Henry's Commentary.

On the opening of the first five Treaty Ports to foreign commerce, the Churches of Britain and America hastened to take advantage of their opportunity, and when, in 1847, William Burns was ordained our Church's first missionary, he found before him fifty protestant agents in the field. A second generation has now passed away, and it is with profound thankfulness to Almighty God we are enabled to record results of mission labour in that vast empire that are full of encouragement and of promise. The number of protestant missionaries considerably exceeds 200, the number of converts in full communion with the churches from 12,000 to 13,000, and besides from 40,000 to 50,000 hearers, there is a population under the influence of the Gospel numbering several hundreds of thousands.

It must notwithstanding be asked, with a solemn sense of responsibility, What are these among so many? Can it be said that the favoured Churches of the West have really awaked to the claims of the heathen world lying in the wicked one? or that there is any adequate sense of the meaning and force of the Lord's command to go and preach to them the Gospel? Happy for our Church if she is led now to ponder in right earnest these questions, and to take a large-hearted and generous view of her duty at this interesting period in her history. There is nothing more certain than that wise and liberal effort in the field of Foreign Missions will come back with a reflex power upon every department of home work. It is a law of the spiritual kingdom set forth in various parts of the Word of God:—"There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty."—"The liberal soul shall be made fat."—"He that watereth others shall himself be watered."

In China we are dealing with a nation whose future will in all probability be great and influential. Her frugal and enterprising sons are already emigrating in large numbers, wherever there is room for them to labour, and besides developing the vast resources of her own territory, she seems destined to supply a population to many of the fairest portions of the earth. It is surely not too much to say that Missions to such a people are about the most important that any Church can embark in, and as our knowledge on the subject increases, the conviction grows that we have more and more reason to bless God for having led us to select such a field.

We have made these general statements in the earnest desire to see many of our people rise to a juster sense of this enterprise. Thirty years ago Dr. Hamilton wrote:—"Now that we are engaged in this great work I feel that it would be well worth our while, even as a Church, to live for nothing else." Since that time we have received the additional motive and stimulus of success, and there could be no loftier or holier

ambition for our Union Church than to be identified with a noble, self-sacrificing work, such as this might become, were we to seek a fresh and full baptism of the Holy Ghost, and grace to engage in it with a true apprehension of its importance.

There may be with many a tendency to conceive of the results of Mission labour as insignificant. There cannot be a greater mistake. It is contemplated to hold in London next year an important conference on Missions, at which the results of effort all over the world will be collected, and we believe the facts that will then be published will not only astonish, but also delight our Christian people, and will prove a great encouragement and stimulus to the extension of Missions. It is to the quiet, steady prosecution in faith and patience of the work as at present carried on by well-trained agents that we must look under God for solid fruits. We must not forget that it is the rearing of native Churches, and the training of chosen men from among these, that is aimed at by the wise missionary Church. The evangelisation of China, by the direct means of missionaries sent out from Europe or America, is a vain dream. And in proportion as there are raised up men of vigour and zeal to go forth among their own countrymen carrying the Gospel, may we expect to see the growth and extension of a self-propagating Church, that will in due time fill the land. The progress may be expected soon to be increasingly rapid. May the Lord hasten it!

The tidings received by us during the year afford peculiarly interesting evidences of the advance that has been made. In the older stations our missionaries are now baptising the third generation—that is, there are children presented for baptism whose parents were themselves brought forward to receive the rite in infancy, and have since grown up as faithful members of the Christian Church. Again, the marriages into which the members enter are now almost entirely contracted within the Church, and this removes out of the way one difficulty that has heretofore been the cause of no little trial. Repeated instances have occurred in which persecuting relatives have themselves been won and changed from bitter foes into devoted workers for Christ. The patient wisdom of the missionaries too, in bearing with persecution and wrong, rather than appeal to the civil power, has in several instances been abundantly rewarded, and has had the happy effect of inducing a growth of confidence on the part of the people, which is grateful to the brethren and helpful to the work.

Further, on the general question, it is right our friends should know that our Missions in all the three localities—Amoy, Swatow, and Formosa—are, in the truest sense of the word, inland Missions, their operations having extended in each case as far inland as those of any other Mission in China, inland being taken to mean away from the great water communications that intersect the land.

It should not be overlooked that this growth of the Mission will require the utmost caution and circumspection on the part of the missionaries, as it must naturally become more and more obnoxious to a Government which from its nature cannot but oppose it.

AMOY.

The missionaries in this district have to speak of goodness and mercy all the year through, and they consider it the best year they have ever had. Dr. Douglas, Mr. Macgregor, and Mr. Gordon have been steadily prosecuting their work in its three principal departments—evangelisation, oversight of the Churches, and training of a native Ministry. The progress towards the south-west has been particularly marked, and a station has been formed at Unsio, which completes the chain of stations connecting Amoy with Swatow. About fourteen years ago a man from this place who got saving impressions at the Hospital of Amoy, under the teaching of Mr. W. C. Burns, was baptised and returned home. Although alone, this man maintained his Christian character, and with such leading to the place, the missionaries had often desired to go there, but were prevented by the great pressure upon their time and strength. Now the place has been reached in the natural progress of the work, and an interesting beginning has been made.

A recent visit to the city of Chang-chew, where for the first time a meeting of the Amoy Presbytery was held, was taken advantage of by Dr. Douglas to visit all the stations in the south-west, as well as the adjoining stations under the care of the American brethren, who have vigorously wrought the wide and rich valley of the Chang-chew river, which is crowded with populous villages and busy marts. Dr. Douglas writes :—

"All the way I found at short intervals larger or smaller companies of Christians. Every night except one I lodged in a chapel, and that one night I spent in a small village in the rich plain of Gaw-chay, near the head of the Chang-poo river, where there is an interesting nucleus of professing Christians. . . . It was most refreshing to find what a firm hold the Gospel is getting in the whole country through which I passed. At several places there is considerable opposition, but this is caused by the very success of the work."

A monthly meeting of Chinese Christians is held at Amoy to hear missionary intelligence, and to engage in prayer for the spread of the Gospel. Mr. Gordon informed us that at one of these meetings last summer, Leng, one of the preachers, told of a work of grace at Liong-nia, the most distant station from Amoy, and very difficult of access, lying as it does in the heart of a mass of lofty mountains which abound in tigers. Here the most bitter persecutions and trials seemed only to increase the faith and steadfastness of the believers. A few women, meeting where they thought they would be unobserved, were repeatedly discovered and savagely beaten by their husbands and other relatives. One woman in particular, the wife of a leading man of the place—

"Had four of her teeth knocked out. But nothing could make her deny her faith. Threatened with death, she still boldly confessed her faith in Christ, telling her husband that she did not fear to die, that the world was not her home, that her home was in heaven, and that though he might destroy her body he could not harm her soul, or prevent her from getting to that happy place."

Leng sent a request for these Christians in the following touching terms :—

"May your native kingdom put forth strength in praying for these believers, that they may continue steadfast and patient to the end, and that their persecutors may be brought to believe in the Lord."

It is gratifying to state that in quite a recent letter from Dr. Douglas he mentions having baptised six new members at this place, Liong-nia. He says :—

"Unhappily the woman, who has been most violently persecuted, was absolutely unable to get to chapel; but two of those whom I baptised have long suffered very severely. One of them, old and grey-headed, was one of the earliest converts, and had been steadfast for many, many years; but it was never possible for her to leave the village to go to any chapel, and that was the first time the way was open to administer the ordinance in the village itself. The other is her daughter-in-law. It is only about three months since her husband, by name Ang-ki, ceased to beat her savagely, in the vain hope of turning her from the faith of Christ; but now he has himself come forward as a candidate for baptism, and though his knowledge is not yet sufficient, we trust he may soon be received. At his examination he spontaneously expressed deep contrition for so violently persecuting his wife, and he was greatly delighted at her baptism. He is also exerting himself to the utmost to try to get his cousin (the husband and persecutor of the chief sufferer) to follow his example of toleration. Let us pray that this may soon be accomplished, and even greater things than this."

At this place a large number of members and inquirers meet together every evening for worship and study of the Scriptures, in spite of constant danger from tigers; and the life thus manifested in this interesting congregation has given a fresh impulse to the Gospel in the neighbouring plain of Gaw-chay, from which numbers are now coming a distance of ten or twelve miles every Sabbath to receive more instruction at Liong-nia.

Scarcely less interesting and hopeful than this work in the south-west of the Amoy district is that to the north-east, lying between Anhai, Chin-chew, and Siongsee.

At Chin-chew the three men (not Christians) who were for many months imprisoned for selling the house for a new chapel, have been set at liberty, and an arrangement has just been effected by which the long-pending dispute is expected to be finally settled. The landlord is to redeem the house upon repaying the 600 dols. already paid him, the Church receiving in exchange a perpetual lease of the present premises, along with considerable additions. The missionaries report a decided increase at this station in spiritual prosperity since the troubles began. There is now, indeed, a strong Church there, and they feel greatly the need of enlarged accommodation, which, we trust, will now be speedily obtained.

At Liong-bun-si Mr. Gordon lately heard very good accounts of a member named Kai, who had emigrated to Junk Ceylon, in the Straits of Malacca, and had written home with two dollars as a contribution to the funds of the Church. He has no means of attending worship where he is, but states that he regularly keeps the Sabbath by himself, and he

asks for a New Testament to be sent to him, as the one he took with him has been lost.

The old congregation of Pechuia has petitioned the Presbytery of Amoy for permission to call a pastor. This is a deeply interesting movement, and, it is hoped, will prove a means of much blessing.

In the training-school for native pastors there are eleven students, nearly as many as the brethren can do justice to. The resident tutor is admirably fitted for his work, and the missionaries in turn, including the American brethren, devote stated hours to the systematic instruction and training of the students. Need we say that we consider this institution almost as our sheet-anchor for the future? It has not cost the Church anything for its establishment or maintenance. We cannot refrain from saying that it owes very much to the wise and far-seeing liberality of our senior missionary at the station, Dr. Carstairs Douglas.

The building of a vernacular girls' school at Amoy for the children of converts has been commenced, the ladies of the Mission having resolved, with the Committee's full approval, upon establishing it. The site and sufficient funds for the building have been procured in Amoy, and a committee of ladies in London have become answerable for £100 per annum, the estimated cost of conducting the school.

In giving the statistics of this district for the year, we have to observe that sixty-eight adults have been baptised. We notice with much regret the unusual number of members under suspension, mainly, we understand, connected with the Baypay Church, and its out-station at Yu-boey-kio. This has arisen from the unsatisfactory character of the resident preacher, who abused the confidence that was placed in him. Since his dismissal there are signs of some improvement, but the stations making up the Baypay Church are still in a cold state. There is also a considerable number entered as "gone elsewhere," the great majority to Penang, Singapore, and the adjacent ports. This gives emphasis to the earnest desire our missionaries have always had, and have repeatedly put before us, that the important Chinese colonies in the Straits of Malacca should be supplied with missionaries, both to evangelise the heathen and to watch over the Christian emigrants from China.

Having before them the definite aim of founding a Native Church, with all the elements of self-government and self-propagation, the brethren early felt the need of preparing with much care a concise statement of Christian truth, with which the members of the Church might become familiar, and which should be recognised as the subordinate standard of the Church—in fact, hold the place of a Confession of Faith. After long and patient labour, extending over several years, and in which the missionaries of both Churches, the Reformed Church of North America and our own, received valuable assistance from the native ministers and elders who were specially associated with them for its preparation, the Presbytery of Amoy, at its meeting last spring, finally adopted the Confession, of which we hope soon to be in a position to supply the Church with an authorised translation. The document is brief, consisting of but eight articles, and seems to state the great doctrines of the Christian faith with clearness and precision. It will be felt that this is an important step, and that it marks an era in the

history of the Mission Church which should fill our hearts with gratitude and praise.

SWATOW.

Mr. Mackenzie writes :—

"The year has been one of much mercy and loving-kindness to us all here, old and young; and, blessed be His name, the work of the Lord has been extended. From among a large number of hearers of the Word and candidates for baptism, we have received sixty-eight adults into the Church."

Mr. Mackenzie, Dr. Gauld, Mr. Duffus, and Mr. Gibson have been unwearied in their labours, and so have the ladies of the Mission, with their Girls' Boarding School and Bible Mission.

The Hospital, under the care of Dr. Gauld, has long been a most important adjunct of the Swatow Mission. The range of country from which the patients come is a very wide one, and while many of them have given evidence of the reception of the truth, and gone their way rejoicing, in the case of others the good seed sown in their hearts during their sojourn in the Hospital has not unfrequently lain dormant, and only been reaped, after many days, by other labourers. Dr. Gauld writes :—

"A woman was lately baptised whose worship of the true God dated from the time when she was a patient in the Hospital ten years ago. She was the means of leading another to the truth, who was baptised along with her. Yet another came to one of our stations in the country, accompanied by a number of her neighbours, all wishing to become Christians. After having given sufficient proof of her sincerity, she and some of her friends were baptised. Her first knowledge of the truth was obtained at the Hospital.

"As a work of philanthropy, and having regard simply to the temporal welfare of multitudes of suffering people, the Medical Mission is well worthy of being continued and enlarged. The comparatively trifling outlay involved could not well be used to better purpose. As a means, however, of bringing the Gospel within the repeated hearing of many from all parts of the mission-field, who would otherwise probably never know of it, while at the same time commending it by the exhibition in practical form of the 'goodwill towards men' proclaimed on the advent of its first great Preacher, this work has a vastly greater value. To save from temporal disease, suffering, and death is much, and not to be lightly estimated; but if along with that, an endless life of happiness is found through faith in the Saviour here made known to them, surely the highest and best attainable result is secured. Thus, to make the healing art, so beneficial in itself, also the means of forwarding the highest interests of the Chinese—to make it the faithful servant of Him who was the great Physician both of soul and body—is our chief desire."

In the course of this year the brethren met with a deep trial in the perversion at Kityang of about twenty of the Church members to the Roman faith. The discontent that led to this secession arose because the missionaries had steadily refused to take up the case of a man in that congregation, who was involved in a lawsuit that had nothing to do with his being a Christian. The native Christians are slow to comprehend the danger to the future of the Church if the missionaries were to mix themselves up in native disputes and lawsuits. Where any members suffer for their adherence to the cause of Christ, it is their privilege to do

all in their power, by patient representations to the local authorities, to obtain for them redress. In this instance there was no pretext for any such aid being given. The missionaries, although much cast down upon the discovery of this defection, have since been made to experience the wonder-working grace of God in bringing good out of evil. Not a few of the wanderers have returned, many of the best members of the Church are more confirmed in the truth, and the Lord is filling up the breach by giving them new converts at that station. Mr. Mackenzie writes :—

"We rejoice with trembling, but we do rejoice. The first and second visits to Kityang, after the breach in our little church there, were with sorrow even to tears. Now we go on full of hope and thankfulness, though still mourning for the unstable ones who fell."

The Swatow brethen have been deeply interested in the condition of the Hakkas, and have again been pressing their claims upon the earnest attention of the Committee. Several visits have been paid this year to Ho-tshan, distant about a hundred miles from Swatow, where there are many who eagerly desire that the Gospel may be preached among them. In September Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. Gibson spent a deeply interesting time with these people. No covered building being able to contain the numbers who assembled, a large tent was erected, and the utmost eagerness was exhibited in listening to the Gospel, which the brethren had to preach through an interpreter. About a hundred of them remained for an evening meeting, which was not closed till 11 p.m., and five men came forward as applicants for baptism. Mr. Mackenzie writes :—

"Is it not something to praise the Lord for that at a distance of a hundred miles from a treaty port, far in among the highlands of the Canton province, such a meeting as I have described can be held without let or hindrance? Such a thing was not even dreamed of a few years ago. It goes right to our hearts. It grieves and perplexes us that men are not forthcoming to enter at the doors which God in His gracious providence is so manifestly opening. This whole region is at present open for work, and in a most interesting state. The fame of the large meetings at Ho-tshan and Ngou-hun-tang is spreading, and the people are in many places discussing the subject. Many New Testaments, hymn-books, and tracts are being sold and read, and the time seems ripe for harvest work. You will not wonder then that we long for reinforcements."

There are seven students under training for the ministry at Swatow, and as during the continued absence of Mr. Smith from ill-health, and that of Mr. Duffus on his furlough, the boys' school for sons of members will be opened, if the Lord will, thus laying additional work upon the brethren, we cannot shut our eyes to the extremely feeble state of our Mission staff. Mr. Mackenzie points with dismay to the fact that their working force will be just what it was thirteen or fourteen years ago, two ordained and one medical missionary, although the work to be done is so vastly extended.

FORMOSA.

The principal attention of the missionaries in Formosa during the past year has been devoted to consolidation rather than to extension of the work.

The return of Mr. Ritchie to this country for his well-earned furlough, and the fact that Mr. David Smith had not yet acquired full knowledge of the language, made it difficult, as indeed it has always been, for the small staff to superintend efficiently a net of churches so widely spread as those connected with our Missions in this island. Our brethren also felt the need of devoting more time to the training of students than in previous years. The union of the two divisions of Taiwanfoo and Takao, now worked from one centre at Taiwanfoo, will admit, we believe, of both these departments, visiting the churches and training-school, being more efficiently worked than has heretofore been possible, Mr. Smith being also now able to bring a strong and willing hand into full employment. The more systematic training of students has been provided for by the appointment, early in 1876, of a resident Chinese tutor, Liong-lo, an experienced Christian and a man of energy and parts, formerly associated with the American missionaries at Amoy. The six students at Takao were transferred in June of last year to Taiwanfoo, and along with three students already working at the city were placed under Liong-lo's charge, the missionaries themselves assuming individual departments of training, and pursuing this work as the exigencies of other Mission labour will allow. The Church's missionaries in Formosa are Mr. Campbell, Dr. Dickson, Mr. Barclay, and Mr. David Smith.

The Church at Baksa always deeply interests those who visit it. Mr. Smith writes:—

"There are 160 households in connection with this Church, and on an average five-and-a-half out of each family are in the habit of attending the Chapel as they have opportunity. I came away on Monday morning wishing I could stay altogether among them."

This congregation finds it necessary to erect a new chapel and native mission house, the third which they have put up; a field has been purchased, and the bricks are now being made.

The city of Kagi occupies a central position in what is by far the widest and most populous plain in Formosa. From this district many hundreds of the people have at one time or other been inmates of the Mission Hospital at Taiwanfoo, where they have heard the Gospel, while at the same time the missionaries have often preached in the city itself and in the many towns along this part of their route on their way to and from the northern stations. The villages in this district actually occupied by our Mission were chiefly inhabited by Pepohoans, or the civilised aborigines, and it had been felt that the time had fully come for a decided attempt being made to reach the *Chinese* portion of the people. For a long period these efforts were met by great opposition from the ruling classes, and fear and distrust from the common people. An entrance was obtained the year before last, a small shed, built against the wall of a large temple, having been purchased, with the determination, God helping, that it should be held until more suitable premises were found. The place was damp and stifling; the young man who "held the fort" was frequently down with fever; but the brethren continued in the confident assurance that, in answer to prayer, help

would come. At last, with full hearts, they have just announced that help *has* come, and that they have succeeded in purchasing premises in all respects most suitable, with accommodation for a large chapel, rooms for themselves and the preachers, as well as for the medical missionary and his appliances. Mr. Campbell writes :—

"I believe that our Mission has a great work before it in Kagi. Dr. Maxwell's name is known over the whole region. In some of the large towns I have met with men who were stone blind, operated upon by Dr. Dickson, and now earning a living as petty traders or field workers. While later still the energetic work of our two colporteurs has leavened the district, and set before us an open door of opportunity, which will be boldly entered if we ourselves have only wisdom given us, and receive a mighty and gracious baptism of God's Holy Spirit."

This narrative brings out, in an interesting light, the very important part which the medical department fulfils in the work of our Mission in Formosa. And we do not doubt the Church will follow with much interest this most promising beginning in the city of Kagi.

In the end of last autumn, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Barclay made a visit to the north, and saw, with deep interest, the excellent work under Mr. Mackay and Dr. Fraser, of the Canadian Presbyterian Church. Their Mission has been much blessed. In little more than four years they have been enabled to form eleven stations, all centres of Christian influence, and in a district where the population appears to be better educated than in the south, and where, owing to the large foreign trade in tea, and the working of the great coal deposits at Kelung, there is considerable material prosperity. Mr. Mackay has had great success in training students ; his method of taking them about with him in a body, from station to station, evidently possessing some important advantages. A Christian Conference was held near Tamsui on the 16th and 17th October. There were present 30 representatives from the southern churches and 20 from the north, exclusive of missionaries, and much interesting and valuable interchange of ideas and experience took place. After the Conference our two missionaries visited all the stations north of Taiwanfoo, twenty in number, beginning with Lai-sia, Toa-sia, and the three Po-sia Churches. At Lai-sia, the villagers (the whole village, numbering about 200 souls, is Christian) are sadly tried by the pertinacious attacks of the savages who live in the mountains around them. About two years ago the elder Bun-liong and another of the Church members were suddenly pounced upon and slaughtered while at work in the fields not far from the village, and very recently another of the Christians has perished in a similar way, whilst a fourth has been dreadfully wounded. This has nothing to do with their profession of Christianity ; it is a consequence merely of their near neighbourhood in an isolated position to tribes which glory in bloodshedding. The brethren could not but regret that it was out of their power to visit these churches more frequently, for although the numbers keep up, and in some cases are even increasing, they could not shut their eyes to the fact that there was something wanting. Mr. Campbell writes :—

"Oh, that the warm, living breath of God's own Spirit were made to fill

their hearts! Brethren, pray for us, that not only here, but over the whole Church, the arm of the Lord may be revealed, and that in the midst of us everywhere signs and wonders may be done in the name of the Holy Child Jesus."

An admirable paper on Formosa and its Christian Missions, by the Rev. Hugh Ritchie, has just appeared in the *British and Foreign Evangelical Review*, to which it affords us special pleasure to direct attention.

The Females of China.

Efforts in behalf of Chinese women and girls are steadily on the increase. Wherever our missionaries have been located, their wives have endeavoured to meet the needs of those female converts within their reach by teaching them to read, and so making possible the private and home use of God's Word.

Advancing from this, the Swatow Mission ladies have now in full operation a girls' boarding-school, superintended by themselves, with the aid of a Chinese matron, the pupils of which are the daughters of converts drawn from a variety of stations. A blessing has rested on this institution, several of the pupils having been drawn to the Saviour. The Amoy ladies have now in course of erection a similar institution, the benefits of which may reach to the daughters of the converts at their many stations, and it cannot be doubted that in Formosa something of the same kind will in due time be required.

Local associations in Edinburgh and London, with the help of individual private friends, are engaged to support these efforts for the Chinese women and girls; but it may be questioned whether the time has not arrived for the formation, in connection with our Church, of a Ladies' Association, having its branches, if possible, in every town, and which should interest itself in the cultivation and further development of work amongst the women of China. There can be no doubt that the success already obtained at our various centres is making manifest a wide and open field for such labour.

It is gratifying to acknowledge that sister Presbyterian Churches are already showing us the way in this matter. The Ladies' Associations of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. have for years done excellent service both in China and India in urging forward special effort in behalf of the female portion of heathen communities; and some two years ago, in connection with the Foreign Mission of the Irish Presbyterian Church, there was begun a "Female Association for Promoting Christianity amongst the Women of the East." In the first year of this Association, 1875, apart from donations, upwards of £600 was collected in the form of annual subscriptions. In 1876 the annual subscriptions had increased to £1000, and so far from this effort decreasing the ordinary collection for the Foreign Mission, exactly the reverse is the case. "Our women begin to talk at home about the Missions now," said an intelligent member of a country congregation lately in reference to this subject.

To the great regret of the Committee, the Rev. George Smith is still prevented from returning to China by the state of his health. Mr. Smith has been compelled to take entire rest from work of every description,

and we fondly trust that, with the Divine blessing upon the means used, his health may be so decidedly restored as to admit of his resuming those labours in which he has been so signally blessed.

Mr. Swanson's visits to many of the congregations of our Church have been warmly appreciated, and will, we trust, bear fruit in an increase of intelligent interest being felt in the Mission. In the Providence of God circumstances still stand in the way of his returning to China, but there can be no reasonable doubt that as the result of his untiring labours, both in England and in Scotland, our Mission Funds will be substantially augmented.

Of Dr. Maxwell's health we have nothing more encouraging to say. The Committee has, however, gladly arranged to take advantage of his knowledge and experience to assist the office-bearers in preparing for publication the correspondence of the Mission, and in other literary work bearing on its interests.

Mr. Ritchie came home on furlough in the month of August last year, and Mr. Duffus is expected while we write, and we have every hope that the tidings regarding the progress of the work which they will be able to give, will be stimulating to the friends of our Church's Mission.

It will be inferred, from the brief record we have thus given of the operations of the Mission, that we stand greatly in need of additional labourers. In common with other Churches and missionary societies we experience a strange dearth of men made willing to enter on a career so blessed. The state of the funds committed to us by the Church show that our people have a mind to this work, and we do know of some young men who are at present engaged in their preliminary studies with a view to their eventually going to the Foreign field. But for the present the need is great, and we ask very special prayer that it may please the Lord of the harvest to raise up and qualify and thrust forth more labourers.

HUGH M. MATHESON,
Convener.

STATISTICS OF THE MISSION FOR 1876.

	Communicants, 31st Dec., 1875.	Adults baptised during 1876.	Admitted to Communion, having been baptised in infancy.	Received by Certificate.	Restored to Communion.	Suspended in 1876.	Died.	Gone elsewhere.	Communicants, 31st Dec., 1876.	Children baptised in 1876.	Total Baptised Children.	Members now under Suspension.
Amoy... ...	583	68	2	...	6	28	12	19	600	21	241	58
Swatow ...	413	68	2	2	17	20	11	8	463	8	131	47
Formosa :—												
Taiwanfoo...	569	18	...	...	...	38	8	...	553	12	Not stated.	Not stated.
Takao ...	378	6	...	3	2	22	9	...	358	6	28	41
	1943	160	4	5	25	108	40	27	1974	47	400 Incomplete.	146 Incomplete.

INDIA.

STATION—Rampore Bauleah, District of Rajshaye.

Vacant.

THIS Mission was begun in 1862, when the Rev. Behari Lal Singh entered upon the work as an ordained native missionary. Rampore Bauleah, the chief town of the district of Rajshaye, and about 300 miles N.W. from Calcutta, was chosen as the centre of operations amidst a population of two millions of souls, till then without a single missionary.

Behari engaged native teachers and evangelists, preached the Gospel, opened schools, and disarmed local prejudices. He built a church and native manse, besides smaller erections, and at the close of 1872 he was enabled to look back upon ten years of labour in which much clearing, ploughing, and sowing had been carried on, a rural Mission established, and some souls gathered into the heavenly garner as the first-fruits of the Mission.

In 1873 his health gave way, and he came to this country to recruit. After a few months, in which he worked hard in the interests of the Mission, he was struck down with paralysis. He recovered sufficiently to return to India, but died in Calcutta in December, 1873, before reaching the Mission field.

Long before Behari came to this country, and ever since, repeated efforts were made by your Committee to find an ordained missionary to go out to Rajshaye, but in vain. At length, failing this, a medical missionary, Mr. Dyer (now labouring among the Santhals), was engaged in 1873; but in consequence of Behari's death, it was thought advisable to cancel the engagement with Mr. Dyer and seek once more for an ordained missionary. Meanwhile the Mission operations were maintained to the best of her ability by Mrs. Singh.

The difficulty of finding an ordained missionary continuing through 1874-5-6, your Committee resolved last summer to offer to transfer the whole property of the Mission to the Free Church of Scotland, to be carried on by their Foreign Mission Committee. The offer was received with much cordiality; but after a delay of some months, the offer was finally declined, chiefly owing to the difficulty on this side of finding men, and on that side of the great distance of Rajshaye from their base of operations in Calcutta.

The Presbyterian Church of England is consequently once more invited, in the Providence of God, to face the duty and privilege of carrying on this Mission in India. Happily, no sooner had this necessity been laid upon us, than a very promising medical student, preparing for Mission work, was brought to the notice of your Committee. Mr. Donald Morison, the student referred to, has just completed his fourth year of medical studies in Glasgow. He has also been engaged in

Mission work in connection with the New Western Infirmary. Your Committee having been thoroughly satisfied as to Mr. Morison's qualifications, and believing that he has been called of the Lord to this work, have engaged his services, and he will proceed to India, God willing, next October. Through the kindness of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, one of their best native evangelists from Calcutta has been promised to assist Mr. Morison, and we have thus in prospect the nucleus of an excellent staff of workers.

With these hopeful features we begin another year, looking to the Lord of the harvest to bless abundantly those who are to take up the work laid down by our departed brother, Behari Lal Singh.

HUGH M. MATHESON,

Convener.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Treasurer's Accounts.

Foreign Missions Fund (China).—

Dr.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance from Last Account			322 6 7
,, *Salaries to Missionaries*, namely:—			
Amoy,	Rev. C. Douglas, LL.D.	300 0 0	
	Do. balance, 1875	50 0 0	
	Rev. W. S. Swanson	393 15 0	
	Rev. Hugh Cowie, to 31st March, 1876	85 0 0	
	Rev. W. Macgregor	367 17 6	
	Rev. Robert Gordon	324 0 0	
Swatow,	Rev. George Smith	155 0 0	
	Rev. H. L. Mackenzie	335 0 0	
	Dr. William Gauld	365 0 0	
	Rev. William Duffus	335 0 0	
	Rev. J. C. Gibson	250 0 0	
Formosa,	Dr. James L. Maxwell	166 10 0	
	Rev. Hugh Ritchie	325 0 0	
	Dr. Matthew Dickson	320 0 0	
	Rev. William Campbell	250 0 0	
	Rev. Thomas Barclay	250 0 0	
	Rev. David Smith	259 5 0	
		£4531 7 6	
	Payment to Mother of William C. Burns	40 0 0	
			4571 7 6
,, *Passage Money and Travelling Expenses*—			
	Rev. Hugh Ritchie, passage to England	70 0 0	
	Miss Patrick, now Mrs. D. Smith, passage to Hong Kong ...	93 0 0	
	Travelling Expenses of Missionaries in England, on deputation work	147 0 0	
			310 0 0
,, *Widows and Orphans Fund*, extra premium for residence abroad of 15 Missionaries		...	75 0 0
,, *Home Charges*, namely:—			
	Rent to College Committee	10 0 0	
	Annual Reports	97 8 0	
	Share of Synod Reports	25 14 6	
	Payment to Publications Committee by assessment of Finance Committee	30 0 0	
	Travelling Expenses of Deputies to Meetings of Committee	35 0 0	
	Paid to "Children's Monthly Messenger"	22 1 5	
	Collecting Cards and Missionary Boxes	104 10 1	
	Editing Missionaries' Letters	12 0 0	
	Freight and Insurance of Baggage	11 5 9	
	Rents, Advertisements, and Sundries	68 8 3	
			416 8 0
,, Amoy *Mission Expenses*, namely:—			
	Salaries of Native Preachers	Dls. 1556·	
	,, ,, Teachers	735·30	
	,, ,, Students	508·	
	,, Chapel Keepers	219·	
	Students' Expenses (Light, Books, &c.)	63·	
	Gospel Boat Expenses	301·	
	River Boat Expenses	118·	
	Rents, Repairs, Furnishings of Chapels	274·22	
	Travelling Expenses of Missionaries and Helpers	236·05	
	Consular Fees, Postages, and Sundries	166·24	
	Repairs on Ko-long-su Houses	222·87	
	Carried forward	Dls. 4399·68	£5695 2 1

In Account with the Treasurers.

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By *Congregational Contributions*—		
144 Collections	1925 15 2	
38 Associations...	1894 11 4	
		3820 6 6
„ Juvenile Fund	...	... 1422 2 4
„ *Edinburgh Committee for Scottish Auxiliary Associations, for Salaries of*—		
Rev. Dr. Douglas	300 0 0	
Rev. W. Macgregor	355 0 0	
Rev. Geo. Smith	300 0 0	
Dr. Wm. Gauld	360 0 0	
Rev. Wm. Duffus	333 0 0	
Dr. Mat. Dickson	315 0 0	
	1963 0 0	
Widows' and Orphans' Fund—for 6 Missionaries ...	30 0 0	
Special Donation from Aberdeen for College, Swatow ...	100 0 0	
„ „ from Edinburgh for Native Chapels ...	50 0 0	
Grant from Edinburgh Committee for Leper Hospital ...	100 0 0	
Donation—Misses Laing	1 0 0	
Sums specially designated for Native Evangelists ...	368 17 0	
	2612 17 0	
Less received December, 1875, and credited in last account ...	100 0 0	
		2512 17 0
„ *Donations* from—		
Friends in Otago, New Zealand, per Rev. J. M. Allan ...	25 0 0	
Presbyterian Church, Eastern Australia, per Rev. Isaac Mackay	40 0 0	
First Church, Dunedin, New Zealand	25 0 0	
Otepopo, Otago, New Zealand	30 0 0	
Chalmers' Church, Melbourne—Young Men's Bible Class ...	10 0 0	
		130 0 0
„ *Donations*—		
W. D. Anderson, Esq.	50 0 0	
Anonymous	0 10 0	
Robert Barbour, Esq.	100 0 0	
„ „ 2nd donation	100 0 0	
Geo. S. Brodie, Esq.	25 0 0	
„ „ 2nd donation	25 0 0	
Thomas Bell, Esq. (deceased)	50 0 0	
Alfred Butterworth, Esq.	50 0 0	
William Beattie, Esq.	12 10 0	
T. Bremner, Esq.	5 5 0	
Rev. A. Bonar	7 7 0	
Capt. Bax, R.N.	2 0 0	
N. B. E. Baillie, Esq.	1 1 0	
Mrs. Brindley	1 1 0	
„ Brown	1 0 0	
Miss Bloxome	1 0 0	
Mrs. Brewer	0 10 0	
„ Bleckley	0 10 0	
"Cheltenham"	10 0 0	
Catrine Free Church—Bible Class	2 0 0	
Misses Cameron	2 0 0	
Mrs. Caley	1 1 0	
„ Chalmers	0 10 0	
Rev. J. Colvin	0 10 0	
Carried forward ...	£448 15 0	£7885 5 10

				Dls.		£	s.	d.
	Brought forward			4399·68		5695	2	1
To Amoy *Mission Expenses* (*continued*):—								
Medical Account				250·				
Expenses connected with Chin-chew Chapel				104·				
Balance in hand of Treasurer				545·72				
				5299·40				
Less Balance from Last Year's Account ...		Dls.	206·56					
Subscriptions from E-mung-kang ...			20·					
„ Kwanjim			10·	236·56				
			Dollars	5062·84	or	1011	2	3
Swatow *Mission Expenses*, namely:—								
Salaries of 7 Preachers			Dls.	490·34				
„ 5 Teachers				321·31				
„ 7 Students				219·				
„ 17 Chapel Keepers				542·22				
„ 2 Bible-Women				66·				
„ 2 Boatmen				72·				
Rents of Chapels				396·76				
Repairs				274·60				
Travelling Expenses				348·56				
General Expenses				169·40				
Station Expenses				109·87				
Students' House				36·82				
Girls' School—*see Contra*				438·75				
Boys' School—Building Account			1246·17					
Less Local Contributions			275·					
				971·17				
Balance in Treasurer's hands				340·07				
				4796·90				
Less Balance from 1875...		Dls.	408·29					
Contributions from New Zealand			31·81					
Congregational Contributions			111·10					
Native Contributions from Sin-hü			25·80					
Girls' School Receipts			27·56					
Sundry Receipts			47·12					
				651·68				
			Dollars	4145·22	or	850	0	0
„ Taiwanfoo *Mission Expenses*, namely:—								
Salaries of 18 Preachers			Dls.	1007·				
„ 4 Teachers				350·				
„ 3 Hospital Assistants				129·				
„ 3 Students				108·				
„ 2 Colporteurs				166·				
„ 5 Chapel Keepers				102·				
Repairing Rooms for Students				148·99				
Books Bought for Re-sale				243·60				
Hospital—New Rooms, Repairs, &c.				368·14				
Chairs, Boats, &c., for Missionaries				472·93				
Travelling—Missionaries to Mainland, &c. ...				333·44				
Hill Churches—Repairs				79·				
Sundry Expenses				332·87				
Balance in Treasurer's hands				612·71				
				4453·68				
Less Hospital Receipts		Dls.	172·07					
Collections in Taiwanfoo			36·36					
Sale of Books			16·54					
From Dr. Williamson, Chefoo			100·					
Balance in 1875			174·18					
				499·15				
			Dollars	3954·53				
				or				
				£830 0 0				
Medicines sent from England				63 8 5				
						893	8	5
	Carried forward					£8449	12	9

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	448	15	0	7885	5	10
By *Donations (continued)*:—						
Miss Douglas	10	0	0			
James Davison, Esq.	1	0	0			
Diamond Pin, Proceeds of	2	10	0			
E. D.	2	0	0			
E. Y. T.	1	1	0			
A Friend	0	3	0			
Miss Mary Freeland	1	17	2			
C. S. F.	4	4	0			
Miss H. Gairdner	5	0	0			
Mrs. Hurst	12	10	0			
Miss M. J. Hewtson	0	10	6			
Mrs. Innes	10	0	0			
John Inchbald, Esq.	1	1	0			
John Johnston, Esq.	5	0	0			
C. J. Kerr, Esq.	1	0	0			
Wm. Kidney, Esq.	5	0	0			
T. A. Lawford, Esq.	2	2	0			
Miss Ligmuir	0	10	0			
Jas. E. Mathieson, Esq.	50	0	0			
John Macfarlan, Esq.	25	0	0			
R. MacEwan, Esq.	20	0	0			
F. H. Mitchell, Esq.	10	10	0			
Miss J. Matheson	6	0	0			
J. MacAndrew, Esq.	5	0	0			
Mr. and Mrs. MacNab	5	0	0			
Robson Mackay, Esq.	5	0	0			
Miss Millar and Friends in Sunderland	4	12	6			
Miss McKichan	3	0	0			
Dr. Macaldin	1	6	0			
Mrs. MacIntosh	1	1	0			
Lady Macdonald	1	0	0			
Ben Nicholson, Esq.	10	0	0			
Newcastle-on-Tyne—in memory of a deceased Mother—T.K.B.	20	0	0			
James Peek, Esq.	100	0	0			
Mrs. Pickup	12	10	0			
G. E. Philip, Esq.	1	0	0			
Mr. Robb	2	0	0			
Reginald Radcliffe, Esq.	1	0	0			
Rev. Geo. Smith, of Swatow	150	0	0			
John Stuart, Esq.	25	0	0			
G. E. Sloper, Esq.	10	0	0			
Samuel Stitt, Esq.	5	0	0			
Mrs. Grosvenor Stopford	3	3	0			
Wm. David Slade, Esq.	3	3	0			
Peter Strutt, Esq.	1	0	0			
"Thou hast enlarged me when in distress"	10	0	0			
Mr. Taylor	0	5	0			
W. W.	100	0	0			
W. L. Watson, Esq.	10	0	0			
Jas. Wallace, Esq.	5	5	0			
Mrs. and Misses Waterhouse	5	0	0			
				1125	19	2
„ *Girls' School at Swatow*—						
A Lady Friend in Edinburgh, per G. F. Barbour, Esq. ...				90	0	0
„ *Girls' School at Amoy*—						
From Ladies of Regent Square	101	16	0			
„ „ of Marylebone	31	10				
				133	6	6
„ *Received in China*—						
Rev. Dr. Douglas	Dls.	200·				
Mrs. Craig		50.				
W. A. Sturrock, Esq.		25·				
J. Bruce, Esq.		25·				
Mrs. Macgregor		25·				
„ Gordon		25·				
C. A. Lord, Esq.		24·				
N. Mearton, Esq.		20·				
Dr. D. Manson...		20·				
Carried forward ...	Dls.	414·		£9234	11	6

		£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	8449	12	9
To TAKAO *Mission Expenses*, namely:—				
Salaries of 12 Evangelists	Dls. 889·			
,, 8 Teachers	335·			
,, 6 Students	254·			
,, Hospital Dispenser and Porters ...	129·			
,, 4 Chapel Keepers	126·			
Repairs—Chapels, Houses, Hospital, &c.	507·50			
Travelling Expenses	273·70			
Sundry Expenses	146·05			
Balance in Treasurer's hands	168·45			
	2828·70			
Less Books and Medicine Sold ... ... Dls.	20·85			
Balance from 1875	86·59			
	107·44			
Dollars	2721·26 or	572	16	0
,, Balance in hand		380	2	9
		£9402	11	6

Examined and found correct,

ARCHIBALD MACNICOLL,
JAMES LAURIE, } *Auditors.*

			Dls.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward ...		414·	9234 11 6
By *Donations (continued).*				
W. S. Orr, Esq.			20·	
Lieut. Shore, R.N.			10·	
Mrs. Phillips			5·	
„ Darling			5·	
Dr. Jones			5·	
Rev. Wm. Campbell, Formosa			100·	
Thos. Barclay, „			100·	
Mrs. Duffus, Swatow			30·	
Rev. J. C. Gibson, Swatow			25·	
Mrs. Gauld, Swatow			10·	
Proceeds of Sale of Ladies' Work sent from Torquay			178·50	
Sabbath School, U.P. Church, Alva, N.B.... ...			28·50	
Ladies' Association, Free South Church, Aberdeen			25·	
Mrs. Kelman, Leith			5·	
„ Ogilvy, Eyemouth			5·	
Interest on Cash in hand			19.25	
		Dls.	985.25	
Expended on Building to 31st December		Dls. 968·16		
In Treasurer's hands		17·09	985·25	
„ *Dividends*—				
On £1000 India 5 per Cent. Stock			£49 7 6	
„ £3000 Midland 4 per Cent. Stock			118 12 6	
				168 0 0
				£9402 11 6

E. & O. E. London, 28th February, 1877.

JAMES E. MATHIESON,
JOHN BELL, } *Treasurers.*

Mission Buildings (Taiwanfoo).—In Account with Treasurers.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Amount expended on Buildings during 1876, $5782·77	1159	7	0	By Balance per last Account	288	13	2
				„ Donations—			
				H. M. Matheson, Esq.	500	0	0
				Per Dr. J. L. Maxwell—			
				Mrs. Parlane	20	0	0
				M. M. M., Edinburgh ...	10	0	0
				J. L. M.	10	0	0
				Working Boys' Society, Greenock	4	10	7
				Miss Williams, Chester	0	10	0
					$33	13	9
				„ Balance due to Treasurer	325	13	3
	£1159	7	0		£1159	7	0

Examined and found correct, E. & O. E. London, 28th February, 1877.

ARCHIBALD MACNICOLL, JAMES LAURIE, } *Auditors.* JAMES E. MATHIESON, JOHN BELL, } *Treasurers.*

Building Fund (Kagi).

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Received per Dr. J. L. Maxwell—				Brought forward	65	0	0
W. P. G.	10	0	0	D. McLaren, Esq.	10	0	0
Geo. F. Barbour, Esq. ...	10	0	0	R. Maxwell, Esq.	7	0	0
Miss Barbour	10	0	0	J. Campbell, Esq.	1	0	0
J. L. M.	5	0	0	W. McCrie, Esq.	0	10	0
Loshford House	5	0	0	Miss Firth	1	0	0
Miss Goodall	5	0	0	G. F. Dick, Esq.	6	0	0
A. Wark, Esq.	10	0	0	Mrs. Crichton...	1	0	0
A. Mouat, Esq.	10	0	0	Working Boys' Society, Greenock	9	0	0
Carried forward	65	0	0		£100	10	0

Examined and found correct,

ARCHIBALD MACNICOLL, JAMES LAURIE, } *Auditors.* JAMES E. MATHIESON, JOHN BELL, } *Treasurers.*

Foreign Missions (India).—In Account with the Treasurers.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.
To Cash remitted to Calcutta to meet Current Expenses	300	0	0
,, Balance in hand	145	13	7
	£445	13	7

	£	s.	d.
By Balance from last Account	218	10	9
,, Associations—			
Grosvenor Square, Manchester...	17	0	0
Regent Square, London	56	5	6
St. John's Wood ...	7	2	3
,, Sunday Schools—			
Derby	7	5	1
Newcastle—John Knox	1	0	0
,, Donations—			
G. M. Robertson, Esq. ...	75	0	0
Geo. S. Brodie, Esq. ...	25	0	0
,, ,, (2nd don.)	25	0	0
Thomas Matheson, Esq.	10	0	0
Misses Cameron	2	0	0
Mrs. Chalmers	0	10	0
Charles Sumner and Harold King	1	0	0
	£445	13	7

Examined and found correct, E. & O. E. London, 28th February, 1877.

ARCHIBALD MACNICOLL, JAMES LAURIE, *Auditors.*

JAMES E. MATHIESON, JOHN BELL, *Treasurers.*

REPORT OF THE COLLEGE COMMITTEE,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1877.

THE College Committee, in submitting their First Report to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, would call attention at the outset to several important changes which have either been effected already, or which appear to be rendered desirable, in consequence of the recent Union. Previous to June of last year, this seminary for theological instruction was the exclusive possession of that portion of our Church which then constituted the "Presbyterian Church in England," and, of course, it could only count upon the active support of the congregations embraced in that body. At that date it became the common interest and property of the entire united Church, with an equal claim upon all our people, and a larger work to do in furnishing qualified labourers for our pulpits and mission fields. The Committee believe that they rightly interpreted the mind of the whole Church when they resolved that advantage should be taken of this important change in its history to complete the teaching staff of the College, to enlarge and improve its accommodation, and in every way to render it worthy as far as possible of the position which this Church has now assumed, and of her prospective requirements. They confidently count upon the willingness of your Venerable Court to second their efforts by making all necessary provision towards this end. In its past days the College owed much to the pains and liberality ungrudgingly bestowed by a number of very staunch friends in the Church to which it belonged. Not a few of those to whom its interests are new have already manifested a desire no less lively or warm to extend its usefulness. Your Committee feel that the wise course for the Church is to make it as complete and efficient a school of theological instruction as it lies in our power to make it, trusting for the future to the cordial assistance both of old and of new friends in all our congregations without distinction. It is only by having a thoroughly good and high-class College, well-equipped and well-taught, that we can expect to attract students, either in adequate numbers, or of the requisite ability and scholarship.

I. *The College Premises.*—One of the latest acts of the "Presbyterian Church in England" was to sanction a new lease of the building known as Queen Square House, in which for many years the College has had its seat. A lease of thirty-one years was obtained, to commence on the expiry of the present one, in 1878, on condition of £1000 being spent

on improvements. But as it soon became apparent that the changes which were needful to adapt the building to our increased requirements would greatly exceed that sum, a further extension of the lease to forty years has been granted by the landlords. Your Committee are assured that, holding it as we do at the rent of £250 per annum, no difficulty would be experienced in disposing of any remainder of such a lease on favourable terms, should it within that period become advisable for the Church to do so. This question being settled, no time was lost after the Union in proceeding with extensive changes upon the building, which is a large and substantial one, in order to adapt it for the better accommodation of students, and for other Church purposes. The nature and extent of the alterations which have been made during the year will appear from the following particulars :—

1.—A new story has been added at the top of the house, containing eight bedrooms, with bath-room and other conveniences.

2.—The bedrooms previously existing on the floor below it have been subdivided, so as to afford each student a separate room with a fireplace. In this way we have now, in addition to the apartments occupied by the Resident Tutor, fifteen comfortable rooms available for students.

3.—The hall of the College, which was small and inconvenient, has been greatly enlarged and improved by the entire re-arrangement of partitions and rooms on this floor, and now forms a handsome chamber measuring 50 feet by 25, to seat comfortably 250 persons.

4.—No change has been made on the ground floor, but in the basement, which is occupied by the janitor and his family, there was disclosed a very unwholesome and dangerous accumulation of sewage matter under the flooring, which necessitated a complete overhaul of the premises at considerable cost. The building may now be pronounced safe in a sanitary point of view.

5.—The enlargement effected made it necessary to lay out considerable expense on heating, ventilation, gas, &c.

6.—Finally, the bedroom floors, with the hall, the stairs, and the lobbies, were painted and otherwise rendered ready for occupation.

The total cost of these improvements on the building itself amounts, according to accounts which will be laid before you, to £3560.

Further, the great hall, which is also the seat of the Presbytery of London, has been refurnished in a durable and handsome manner, and the whole of the bedrooms have been supplied with uniform suites of furniture of a plain but very solid description. This is expected to cost £1000 more.

These improvements, so far as they go, have made the College House quite commodious and well adapted for its purpose in every respect save one. By the enlargement of the hall, the students' common-room or dining-room has been sacrificed, and when the new Chair, about to be set up, is filled, the need of additional accommodation will be still more felt. It must also be borne in mind that Queen Square House is the only place which the Church possesses in which its various Committees can meet for business. The original design, therefore, included the erection of a students' dining-room in the rear of the present building, and plans were prepared. It was, however, found advisable to postpone for a year this portion of the intended changes. Your Committee suggest that the Synod should give power to the Committee to proceed with such an addition this summer, should it be found on full consideration advisable to do so.

To meet the heavy outlay already incurred, your Committee have been indebted to the College Trustees for a temporary advance, out of the capital sum in their hands, of £4000. They are strongly of opinion that the total expense of these College improvements ought to be defrayed with as little delay as possible, and they venture, therefore, to solicit from the Synod an immediate grant towards this object out of the Thanksgiving Fund.

II. *The New Chair.* — In obedience to the instructions of last Synod, your Committee gave their early and careful attention to the changes in the teaching arrangements of the College, which will be rendered necessary by the foundation of a Third Divinity Chair, towards which the munificent endowment of £500 per annum was announced at the Union. In this duty they have been assisted by the readiness evinced on the part of the existing Professors to fall in, as far as possible, with any re-distribution of subjects which the interests of the College might demand. The Committee accordingly recommend as follows:—

1.—That Professor Chalmers be relieved of the subject of Apologetics, and continue to teach two other branches, as at present, viz., Dogmatics and the earlier half of Church History.

2.—That the whole subject of New Testament Exegesis, with cognate matter bearing on the New Testament Literature, be assigned to Mr. Gibb.

3.—That Dr. Lorimer retain as at present the later half of Church History, with Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis as a second subject.

4.—That Apologetics, with Pastoral Theology, be assigned to the new Chair.

The position of the Resident Tutor has likewise engaged the attention of the Committee; and they have unanimously agreed that, in consideration of his valuable services to the Church for years past, and his high qualifications, it be recommended to the Synod, before any addition is made to the teaching staff, to appoint Mr. Gibb Resident Professor, with equal status with the occupants of the regular Chairs in the College, at a salary (in addition to residence as heretofore) of £400 per annum; and to assign him the subjects of New Testament Exegesis and Patristic Literature as his special department.

The instructions of your Committee did not empower them to take any steps either in the way of suggesting to the Synod the names of men suitable to fill the proposed office, or of eliciting through any channel the mind of Presbyteries on this point, with a view to prepare the Church for an immediate election. The Committee, therefore, felt that they exhausted their duty in this respect when they communicated to the Presbyteries the above recommendation regarding the sphere of the new Chair. But they further deemed it due to the generous donor of the endowment, who is now known to be Robert Barbour, Esq., of Bolesworth, to convey to him their decision on the same point, along with an expression of their respectful thanks for his liberality. This was accordingly done, through a personal deputation which waited upon Mr. Barbour. The Committee are gratified to learn that steps have since been taken with a view to hand over to the College without delay, under suitable conditions, the funds destined for this purpose, which amount to £12,500 in railway preference stock. The Church is to be warmly congratulated

on this valuable addition to the permanent College revenue; and your Committee trust that it may please the Head of the Church to guide your Venerable Synod to such an appointment to the new Professorship as will fully realise the founder's wishes, and greatly add to the strength and efficiency of the College.

III. *Additional Scholarships.*—It is the pleasant duty of the Committee to report that two valuable theological scholarships have, during the year, been placed at the disposal of the College, in addition to the funded scholarship of £50 a-year already in existence, which bears the name of its founder, Mr. Alexander Gillespie.

1.—The Crichton Scholarship has been instituted by Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair, of Liverpool, in memory of the late Dr. Hugh Crichton of that town. It is tenable for two years, and is to be competed for by students in the second or third session of their curriculum. It is the desire of the donors that, in awarding this scholarship, special importance should be attached to the encouragement of New Testament Exegesis, and this was accordingly kept in view at the competition in October last, when it was won by its present holder, Mr. Smith.

2.—Mr. Andrew Leslie, of Hebburn, has kindly placed at the entire disposal of the Committee a scholarship of £50 a-year during the next five years, which it is intended to offer for competition in October to theological students then entering on their first session. It will be tenable during three Sessions, two of which must be passed at our own College. For the present year, however, Mr. Leslie's liberal gift has been made available on behalf of the ordinary bursary fund, which was for the time in need of strengthening.

Attention has further been given to the desirableness of adding to our permanent undergraduate scholarships, and proposals have been made with a view to have them founded in connection with the several Presbyteries. The Presbytery of Newcastle has done honour to itself by raising the first Presbytery Scholarship of £25 per annum, a portion of the capital sum required having been contributed in donations and invested, and the remainder being in the meantime provided by annual subscriptions. Their excellent example will, we hope, be followed by other Presbyteries, and scholarships founded to bear the name of each Presbytery of the Church. Such a step could hardly fail to assist in directing the attention of young men within their respective bounds to prepare themselves to study for the Christian Ministry.

Mr. William Muter, of Manchester, has further intimated his desire to hand over to the College Trustees a sum of £2000 in order to found three theological scholarships of £30 each, with a proviso that competitors are to be ractical abstainers from alcoholic liquors and from tobacco.

Your Committee feel that the best thanks of the Church are due to these friends for their liberal gifts, provided at this important juncture in the history of the College. They are assured that where such substantial aid is awarded to students on the ground of hard work and genuine merit, as tested by competition, no better method can be found, both for encouraging learning in our Hall, and also for facilitating the path of access to the Holy Ministry to capable and industrious aspirants.

Your Committee have next to report briefly on the work which has been done during the Session of 1876-77, just expired.

1. At the *Entrance Examination* held in October, four Candidates presented themselves for admission as theological students of the first year. Of these, two passed with honours, but unfortunately two failed to attain, on this occasion, the required minimum number of marks. It is right that the Church should distinctly understand that, under the regulations recently introduced, the Examining Board is not at liberty to pass Candidates whose papers do not reach a given standard of value. Lest this rule should exclude exceptional men in whom deficiencies in technical scholarship are more than compensated for by proved eminence in other departments, as, for example, in practical work for the cause of Christ, the Committee reserve the privilege of bringing such cases under the special consideration of the Synod, with a view to such a relaxation of the standard as in each case the Supreme Court may judge to be wise. But, these exceptions apart, the existence and enforcement of this salutary regulation is the only guarantee the Church can possess that men of inferior education are not received into training for her pulpits. At first it was natural that such a rule should thin considerably the number of Candidates; but we will very soon survive that temporary result, if we have not already done so. The knowledge that our standard is a fairly high one has begun to attract good students. The undergraduate scholarships lately founded are steadily preparing for us a number of promising young men who will hereafter pass year by year into our Hall. And the enlargement of the Church, with the addition to be made to the teaching staff, may be expected to direct more and more the attention of devout and cultivated young men in our Communion to the Ministry as their future work, and to our own Hall as the place where they may receive a thorough professional training for it. At the same time, a variety of powerful causes still operate to discourage a desire for the Holy Ministry, and to reduce the number of applicants. If the Church therefore would see her College well occupied and her pastorate renewed with the best materials, she must lay herself out, not only to provide a thorough education, but likewise to seek out, attract, and encourage suitable students, earnestly asking at the same time that the Great Head of the Church would put it into the hearts of His own fit and chosen servants to offer themselves for this department of His work.

2. *The Session.*—In all seventeen students have been in attendance, distributed as under:—

First Year.	Second Year.	Third Year.
Mr. George Henry,	Mr. Martin Lewis, B.A.,	Mr. John Reid, M.A.,
Mr. William G. Black,	Mr. John J. Thorp,	Mr. Wm. Armstrong, M.A.,
Mr. Duncan Macrae.	Mr. James Smith,	Mr. Henry Thompson,
	Mr. Wm. Crowe,	Mr. Wm. J. Spence,
	Mr. Geo. M. Smith,	Mr. Hugh McLean.
	Mr. Peter W. Patterson,	
	Mr. Alexander Aberdeen,	
	Mr. Geo. E. Love, B.A.,	
	Mr. Thos. G. Molyneux, LL.B.	

Messrs. Black and Love are not regular students admitted by the Board, but students of a sister Church attending classes.

Another student of the second year, Mr. Matheson, has been studying for this Session at the New College, Edinburgh.

During the first portion of this winter's Session the House was not available for residence, owing to the impossibility of having the repairs executed in time for the new bedrooms to be occupied before January. Arrangements were therefore made to find respectable lodgings for the students, and a moderate sum of money was allowed them weekly in lieu of residence. Since the House was ready to receive them they have been, as formerly, under the superintendence of the Rev. Mr. Gibb, the Resident Tutor. From the subjoined Report with which he has furnished your Committee, the Synod will learn with pleasure that the Session has been one of exemplary conduct, unbroken harmony, and hard study:—

"I am glad to be able to report favourably regarding the condition of the College during Session 1876-77. During the entire term of study the students have given diligent attention to the subjects brought before them in the various classes, and have manifested an interest generally in Biblical and theological learning very pleasant to observe.

"I have likewise to report that since we went into residence in January (owing to the alterations it was not possible to do so sooner), the condition of the household has been satisfactory. The addition made to the College premises enables us now to give to every student an apartment for his sole use, and we have already found the benefit of this change of arrangement. The College regulations have been observed almost perfectly, and the good order and harmony which have prevailed left nothing to be desired. I cannot remember any Session since my connection with the College when I had less occasion to find fault.

"Regarding my own classes, I have to report that I read with one class the Gospel of Saint Matthew, giving grammatical and exegetical explanations as they seemed to be required; and with another class I read the Epistle to the Hebrews, and gave exegetical lectures on the Epistle. In the class for Patristic Literature we read part of the *Liber Apologeticus* of Tertullian. I also taught as usual the Junior Hebrew class. The interest manifested by the students, especially in our New Testament studies, was very encouraging to me.

"The Theological Society, which was commenced last Session, continues to flourish. Dr. Dykes kindly gave the introductory address, and the papers read by the students at the fortnightly meetings, and the discussions which followed, showed that they are taking a lively and intelligent interest in the theological questions of our time.

"A desire was expressed at the beginning of this Session by some of the students to have a mission-field in which they might spend some of their spare hours in seeking the spiritual good of their fellow-men. Through the kindness of Mr. Whitmore a room in the vicinity of his church was placed at their disposal, and there they have conducted a meeting every Lord's Day evening. The senior students have also supplied pulpits in or near London when their services were required."

Though the health of the students has been good on the whole, the Committee regret that two cases of serious illness have occurred during the Session. In both of these the attention of Dr. Brunton, who most kindly gives his medical services gratuitously, has merited the warmest acknowledgment.

3. *Finance.*—The state of the finances of the Institution is so far satisfactory, that the Treasurer closes his account for the year with a substantial balance in hand, though less than at the commencement of the year. The congregational collections for the year were 113 in number, and amount to £810, as against 91 contributing £706 last year; but it must be stated that 23 congregations formerly of the United Presbyterian Church contributed £135 of the amount, so that the result cannot be considered as altogether very satisfactory.

The future income of the College may be estimated at £2200 a year, supposing that the temporary advance from the capital of the College Endowment Fund be repaid and invested, while the present charges on expenditure amount to £1900 a year. The increased rent, payable in the middle of next year, for the College premises, on the commencement of the new lease, will swell that figure to £2100 a year.

4. *The Library.*—It may interest some members of Synod to know that the College Library consists of three portions, which are kept distinct:—The HAMILTON LIBRARY, purchased from the trustees of the late Dr. Jas. Hamilton, of Regent Square; the ROBERTSON COLLECTION, secured by a legacy left by the late David Robertson, Esq.; and the GENERAL LIBRARY, as it is called for distinction, which is made up of gifts and purchases, of less extent, made at various times. For some time past your Committee have been engaged in the somewhat tedious task of sifting, re-arranging, and cataloguing all these divisions of the collection, with a view to increase its usefulness. In the progress of this work it has been deemed advisable to dispose of a considerable number of trifling and useless books, as well as of unnecessary duplicates, in order to gain room. A few other works, valuable in themselves, but not useful for our purpose, have been marked for sale, in order to replace them with necessary books of theology. A re-arrangement of the shelves is in progress, and as soon as this is completed a permanent Library Catalogue for reference and future additions will be prepared. In the course of next year the Committee hope to be able to report that this most requisite and valuable work has been fully accomplished.

5. *Lectures to Young Men.*—As in some former seasons, arrangements were made this spring for the delivery of a brief course of lectures in the College Hall, to which young men from all our metropolitan congregations were invited. They were delivered by the Rev. Marcus Dods, D.D., of Glasgow, and were listened to by large audiences, and elicited much interest on the part of the class for whom they were designed. The best thanks of your Committee are due to Dr. Dods for this valuable service.

6. *Grammar School.*—The Committee are not yet in a position to offer any suggestion to your Venerable House on the desirableness of establishing a high-class school for the education of Presbyterian boys; but feeling still impressed with the importance as well as difficulty of the question, suggest that it be re-committed for fuller inquiry in the course of next year.

In conclusion, the Committee would respectfully and very urgently press upon the Venerable the Synod, and upon the Presbyterian Church

of England, the vital consequence of sustaining this training-school for our future theologians and pastors, not only with adequate resources, but with the hearty confidence and affectionate and prayerful interest of the whole Church. It has not been found easy to suggest special ways in which aninstitution so essential to our future health and growth can be made more popular, or linked more closely to our congregations and families. But ministers at least might give it a frequent place in congregational intercession, as well as in the pulpit; parents might bring its claims before their sons during those years when the choice of a calling becomes the subject of anxious deliberation in the family; and our thoughtful and cultured people, who know the immense and growing need there is for a learned as well as a believing ministry in England, might, by their well-advised and generous contributions to its equipment, indicate to their fellow-members what place it deserves to occupy in the affections of the Church. When the arrangements now in progress or in contemplation shall have been completed, the Church will be in possession of a seminary of sacred learning of which, though its scale be small and its resources contracted, she will at least have no cause to be ashamed. Our chief want will still be, however, more students. This want He only can supply who thrusts forth the labourers; but the Church herself may greatly contribute to this end if she will cherish a love and pride in her College, and hold up before her godly people the noble ambition of consecrating the best gifts of their homes to the best and holiest office granted to men on earth—the office of teaching, guiding, and enlarging the Church of Jesus Christ by the proclamation and defence of His holy Gospel.

J. OSWALD DYKES,

Convener.

COLLEGE

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER,

Dr.

1877. March 31st.	£	s.	d.
To Professor Lorimer's Salary	500	0	0
,, Professor Chalmers' ,, ...	500	0	0
,, Rev. J. Gibb's ,, ...	250	0	0
,, Proportion of General Expenses of Synod reimbursed Synod Treasurer, and Proportion of Loss on *Messenger*...	21	19	6
,, Proportion of Travelling Expenses of Provincial Members of Synod attending Committee Meetings	25	0	0
,, Expenses of College Examination Board	14	4	2
,, Printing and Advertising	40	6	6
,, Ground Rent (half year)	12	6	10
,, Rates and Taxes...	83	10	10
,, Coals, Gas, Rent, and Water Rate	84	17	0
,, Fire Insurance	4	17	6
,, Janitor's Wages, and House and Garden Expenses	117	10	6
,, Books and Periodicals	6	8	9
,, Sundries	14	4	0
,, Students' Lodgings while alterations being effected	44	0	0
,, Balance in hands of Treasurer	164	3	2
	£1883	8	9

10*th April*, 1877. Audited,

A. WEBSTER,
J. M. LEITCH.

I.—BUILDING ACCOUNTS.

	£	s.	d.
J. B. Atford, Builder	2184	9	10
Heslet and Co.—Gas and Heating	252	19	6
Johnstone, Jeanes, and Co.—Carpenters' and Joiners' Work	114	10	9
,, ,, ,, Painters' Work	354	12	0
Banner and Co.—Closets, Drains, and Plumbers' Work	229	15	0
,, Ventilating and other Works	199	12	6
R. J. Woodcock, Esq., Architect ... ... say	200	0	0
Sundries ... ... ,,	25	0	0
	£3560	19	7

FUND,

CHARLES E. LEWIS, ESQ., M.P.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance in Treasurer's hands on last account...	201	15	0
,, Receipts from Brownley's and College Trustees	655	3	11
,, Dividend and Interest on Endowment Fund	46	10	3
,, Collections made in the Presbyteries of			
Berwick 6 1 6			
Birmingham 14 9 0			
Bristol 32 2 0			
Carlisle 3 15 0			
Darlington 25 9 9			
Liverpool 118 0 10			
London 416 7 2			
Manchester 88 2 9			
Newcastle-on-Tyne 84 18 10			
Northumberland 20 17 1			
	810	3	11
,, Fees from Students	41	10	0
,, Donations	3	5	8
,, Rent of Stables	60	0	0
,, Rent of London Presbytery and Standing Committees	65	0	0
	£1883	8	9

CHARLES E. LEWIS, *Treasurer.*
3rd April, 1877.

II.—FURNITURE ACCOUNTS.

	£	s.	d.
Furniture for 15 Bedrooms, @ £29 per Room	435	0	0
,, for College Hall	339	7	0
Linoleum for Floors of Hall, Bedrooms, &c.	103	10	4
Furniture for other parts of House...	47	18	0
Blinds for Windows throughout	25	17	6
Sundries, including men's time, jobbing, polishing, and fixing furniture	52	18	0
	£1004	10	10

REPORT OF THE COLLEGE TRUSTEES,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1877.

The Trustees appointed by the Deed of the 1st day of February, 1876, printed in the Appendix to the Report of the College Committee to the Synod of 1876, think it right to present this Report to the Synod, though under no directions of the Synod to that effect.

The whole of the stocks and shares mentioned in the schedule to such deed have been duly transferred into the names of three of the Trustees—those numbered 2, 3, 4, and 5 in the schedule into the names of—

John Johnstone,
Charles Graham Scott, and
William Ballantyne;

and those numbered 6 and 7 into the names of—

John Johnstone,
Hugh Mackay Matheson, and
Charles Edward Lewis.

The security numbered 8 is not a registered stock.

Prior to the complete execution of the Deed of Trust, and the handing over of the cash in the Bank to the new Trustees, investments were made of part of the fund in purchasing, at a cost of about £8700, the following stocks—

£4000 London and North-Western £4 per Cent. Debenture Stock; £4000 Bristol and Exeter 4½ Per Cent. Perpetual Preference Stock, since converted into £3600 5 per Cent. Great Western Preference Stock. These stock stand in the names of—

John Johnstone,
Charles Graham Scott, and
William Ballantyne.

These investments reduced the cash on deposit at the Union Bank of London (including interest) to £2783 5s., and of this sum £2142 10s. was laid out in the purchase of $10,0000 (dollars) of the United States 5 per Cent. Funded Loan.

As stated in the Report of the College Committee, funds being urgently required to meet the necessary repairs and alterations in the College premises (on obtaining the new lease), the Trustees consented provisionally and temporally to advance the amount required for such alterations, repairs, and additional furniture, trusting to the Synod to give

them an indemnity, and, if need be, an authority or direction to apply and sink the requisite portion of the capital of the Trust Funds for this purpose.

No less than £2787 10s. has been thus spent and applied, necessitating the sale of the United States security, and also the application of nearly the whole of balance of cash at the Bank, and then in the hands of the Treasurer. A further sum of about £1700 has yet to be paid on the same account.

The Trustees hope that, under the guidance and by the direction of the Synod, the whole of these sums will shortly be restored to the Trust, so as to prevent any infringement on the Endowment Fund of the College.

The Trustees are sensible that at the proper time it will be advisable to dispose of the Bank Shares, as such cannot be considered as altogether a suitable permanent investment for a Trust Fund; but at the present comparatively low prices of such securities it will hardly be advisable to sell. The income from these Bank Shares has been much reduced during the last two years.

The Trustees have appointed Mr. John Johnstone as Treasurer and Convener, and the Rev. William Ballantyne as their Secretary (at a nominal stipend).

The Treasurer's account is kept at the Union Bank of London, Argyle Place, Regent Street, at which place it is intended to keep the box of the Trustees, with the several securities.

Annexed to this Report is the account of the Treasurer of the Trustees of all his receipts and payments, both on income and capital account, since the transfer of the securities and cash to the present Trustees. This account combines accounts both of capital and income, and is, therefore, a little complex; but in future, when the matter of the expenditure for repairs, &c., is closed up, the Treasurer's account will be our dealing simply with income.

In this account is included the rent of the moiety of the Freehold House in the Strand, London, derived from Mr. Brownley's Estate.

COLLEGE

Dr.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1876. July 1.	To Balance in hand on account of Income ...	148 10 11	
	,, ,, Capital ...	127 15 2	
			276 6 1.
,, 20.	,, Cash of Union Bank on account of Deposit Note	... ...	2142 10 0
,, 28.	,, London Joint Stock Bank—Half Year's Dividend on 26 Shares...	... ...	29 5 0
	,, Imperial Bank—Half Year's Dividend on 152 Shares	... ...	68 8 0
	,, Union Bank of London—Half Year's Dividend on 53 Shares	... ...	61 12 3
	,, London and North-Western Railway—Half Year's Dividend on £4000 Debenture Stock	... ...	79 3 4
	,, Bristol and Exeter Railway—Half Year's Dividend on £4000 Perpetual Preference Stock	... ...	103 17 6
Sept. 9.	,, 227, Strand—One Quarter's Rent, to Midsummer, 1876	75 0 0	
	Less Property Tax ...	0 18 9	
			74 1 3
	,, Cash of Union Bank—Balance of Deposit Acct.	... ...	640 15 0
	,, Interest on Ditto	... ...	3 5
Oct. 18.	,, 227, Strand—One Quarter's Rent, to Michaelmas, 1876...	75 0 0	
	Less Property Tax ...	0 18 9	
			74 1 3
,, 19.	,, $5000 United States Five per Cent. Funded Loan Sold @ 105¾...	1057 10 0	
	Less Brokerage	2 10 0	
			1055 0 0
	,, One Quarter's Dividend on $10,000 United States Funded Loan	... ...	25 10 5
Dec. 21.	,, Oriental Bank—Half Year's Dividend on 31 Shares	... ...	38 15 0
,, 22.	,, $5000 United States Five per Cent. Funded Loan Sold @ 105¾...	1057 10 0	
	Less brokerage	2 10 0	
			1055 0 0
1877. March 8.	,, 227, Strand—One Quarter's Rent to Christmas, 1876	75 0 0	
	Less Property Tax ...	0 13 9	
			74 1 3
	,, London and Brighton South Coast Railway—Half Year's Interest, per C. E. Lewis, Esq. ...	... ...	26 13 3
	,, Great Northern Railway—Half Year's Interest, per C. E. Lewis, Esq.	... ...	19 15 0
	,, Imperial Bank—Half Year's Dividend on 152 Shares	... ...	68 8 0
	,, London and North-Western Railway—Half Year's Interest on £4000 Four per Cent. Debenture Stock	... ...	79 0 0
,, 11.	,, Union Bank of London—Half Year's Dividend on 53 Shares	... ...	51 6 11
	,, London Joint Stock Bank—Half Year's Dividend on 26 Shares	... ...	33 3 0
,, 14.	,, Great Western Railway—Half Year's Dividend on £3600 Five per Cent. Preference Stock	... ...	88 17 6
	,, Interest Union Bank on account ...	... ...	0 4 9
			£6169 0 6
,, 31.	,, Balance brought forward	... ...	£648 17 8

TRUST.

Cr.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1876.							
July 20.	By Purchase of $10,000 United States Funded Loan @ 106⅞	2137	10	0			
	Less Brokerage	5	0	0			
					2142	10	0
,, 27.	,, College Committee, per C. E. Lewis, Esq.				155	3	11
Sept. 8.	,, College Alterations, J. B. Atford				275	0	0
,, 15.	,, Ditto ditto				250	0	0
,, 18.	,, College Committee, per C. E. Lewis, Esq.				200	0	0
,, 22.	,, College Alterations, J. B. Atford				250	0	0
,, 29.	,, Ditto ditto				250	0	0
Oct. 6.	,, Ditto ditto				150	0	0
,, 13.	,, Ditto ditto				100	0	0
,, 20.	,, Ditto ditto				100	0	0
,, 27.	,, Ditto ditto				150	0	0
Nov. 8.	,, Ditto ditto				150	0	0
,, 17.	,, Ditto ditto				100	0	0
	,, Ditto, R. J. Woodcock, Esq., Architect...				60	0	0
	,, 227, Strand—Paid Mrs. Brownley her Moiety of Half Year's Rent, to Michaelmas, 1876				74	1	3
,, 29.	,, College Committee, per C. E. Lewis, Esq.				150	0	0
Dec. 15.	,, College Alterations, J. B. Atford ...	350	0	0			
	Less Discount	17	10	0			
					332	10	0
,, 22.	,, Ditto R. J. Woodcock				50	0	0
	,, Ditto Johnstone, Jeanes, and Co.				300	0	0
	,, Ditto Banner and Co.				200	0	0
	,, Cheque Book, Union Bank				0	4	2
1877.							
March 31.	,, Rev. William Ballantyne, Secretary, to date				10	0	0
	,, Ditto—Minute Book				0	3	6
	,, College Alterations, R. J. Woodcock				70	0	0
	,, Transfer Stamp, London Joint-Stock Bank				0	10	0
	,, Balance carried forward—on account of Income	557	16	6			
	,, ,, ,, Capital	91	1	2			
					648	17	8
					£6169	0	6

J. JOHNSTONE, *Treasurer*, March 31, 1877.

THE THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS'

IN ACCOUNT WITH H. M.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance due to Treasurer, as per last account	..		...	42	5	5
,, Paid holders of Scholarships, viz. :—						
Mr. Wm. Crowe	15	0	0			
,, Duncan Macrae	15	0	0			
,, John J. Thorp	20	0	0			
,, George Henry	20	0	0			
Newcastle Scholarship—						
Mr. Martin Lewis	25	0	0			
				95	0	0
,, Proportion of Advertising and Expenses of Examinations for Scholarships (for particulars, see General Fund of Scholarships' Account, page 62)	...		...	9	12	1
,, Balance carried to next account	...		...	23	10	6
				£170	8	0

LONDON, 29*th March*, 1877. Audited and found correct,

J. MUIR LEITCH.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND,

MATHESON, TREASURER, 1876-7.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By following Subscriptions:—						
Carlisle –						
Rev. J. Howie Boyd	...		...	1	1	0
Manchester—						
Per Rev. John Reid, Salford—						
A. B.	2	0	0			
Mr. John A. Beith	5	0	0			
,, A. Fraser	5	0	0			
,, Robert McEwen	3	0	0			
,, Wm. McFerran	2	0	0			
Mrs. Parlane...	5	0	0			
Mr. Jas. C. Stuart	3	0	0			
				25	0	0
Newcastle—						
Per Mr. J. Y. Strachan for Newcastle Scholarship ...	25	0	0			
Mr. Leslie (first year's income of Leslie Scholarship) ...	50	0	0			
				75	0	0
Birmingham Presbytery—						
Per Rev. J. B. Thorburn, Birmingham—						
Wolverhampton	1	1	0			
Smethwick £0 10 0						
Mr. Craig 0 10 0						
	1	0	0			
Nottingham	1	1	0			
Camphill, Birmingham	1	1	0			
Rev. J. Rutherford, B.D.	1	1	0			
,, J. Nisbet Wallace	1	1	0			
Broad Street, Birmingham £1 0 0						
Dr. J. L. Maxwell 1 1 0						
Rev. J. B. Thorburn... ... ... 1 1 0						
	3	2	0			
				9	7	0
London—						
For "Regent Square Scholarship," per Mr. Thomas Bell—						
Mr. Robert Fletcher	3	0	0			
,, James Lawrie	2	2	0			
,, Lewis Stewart	1	0	0			
,, Affleck Fraser	1	0	0			
,, J. R. Macdonald	1	1	0			
,, J. A. Swanston	1	1	0			
,, William Watt	1	0	0			
,, James White	1	0	0			
,, J. N. Boyd	1	0	0			
,, Patrick Stewart...	1	0	0			
,, W. F. G. Blaikie	1	1	0			
,, James Hamilton	1	0	0			
,, R. T. Turnbull	1	0	0			
,, J. M. Leitch	1	0	0			
,, Thomas Bell	1	0	0			
,, Thomas Engall	1	0	0			
,, James Farquharson	0	10	0			
,, John Watson	0	5	0			
				20	0	0
Mr. George B. Bruce	...		...	20	0	0
,, H. M. Matheson	...		...	20	0	0
				£170	8	0
By Balance in hands of Treasurer	...		...	£23	10	6

E. & O. E. London, 21*st March*, 1877.

H. M. MATHESON, *Treasurer.*

GENERAL FUND OF SCHOLARSHIPS, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND,

Dr. IN ACCOUNT WITH H. M. MATHESON, TREASURER, 1876-77. *Cr.*

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Paid Holders of Scholarships, as under, viz.:—		
Gillespie—		
Mr. John Reid	50 0 0	
Hamilton—		
Mr. W. D. Fairbairn	50 0 0	
Robertson—		
Mr. Thomas Stenhouse	30 0 0	
Duncan—		
Mr. F. B. Whitmore	30 0 0	
Crichton—		
Mr. James Smith	30 0 0	
		190 0 0
EXPENSES:—		
To Paid Advertising, as under, viz.:—		
In *Weekly Review*	3 5 0	
„ „ for Crichton Scholarship... ...	1 10 6	
„ *English Presbyterian Messenger*	1 0 0	
„ *United Presbyterian Record*...	2 4 0	
„ *Edinburgh Daily Review*	0 15 0	
„ *Glasgow Daily Mail*	0 13 6	
„ *Aberdeen Free Press*	0 12 6	
„ *Newcastle Chronicle*	0 12 0	
„ *Liverpool Mercury*	0 11 6	
„ *Manchester Guardian*	0 19 0	
„ Paid Postages connected with Advertising... ...	0 0 6	
	12 3 6	
„ Paid Expenses of Examinations—		
Printing Prospectus of Scholarships for 1875-76 and 1877-78 ... ... £5 17 0		
Expenses connected with Examinations 1 3 9		
	7 0 9	
	19 4 3	
Less proportion of this amount carried to Theological Scholarship Fund (see page 64.)	9 12 1	
		9 12 2
To Balance carried forward to next account	... ...	78 11 1
		£278 3 3

LONDON, 29*th March*, 1877.

Audited and found correct,

J. MUIR LEITCH.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Balance, Cash in hand, brought from last Account		67 15 8
Hamilton and Duncan Scholarships:—		
„ Interest on £1450 Oude and Rohilkund Railway 5 per Cent. Stock, as under, viz.:—		
For half-year ended 30th June, 1876 £36 5 0		
Less Income Tax... ... 0 9 1		
	35 15 11	
For half-year ended 31st December, 1876, less Income Tax, as above	35 15 11	
		71 11 10
Robertson Scholarship:—		
„ Interest on £877 2s. 4d. Indian Government 4 per Cent. Stock, as under, viz.:—		
For half-year payable 5th April, 1876 £17 10 10		
Less Income Tax at 2d. ... 0 2 11		
	17 7 11	
For half-year payable 5th Oct., 1876... 17 10 10		
Less Income Tax at 3d. ... 0 4 4		
	17 6 6	
		34 14 5
Gillespie Scholarship:—		
„ Interest on £1000 Canadian Consolidated 5 per Cent. Stock, as under, viz.:—		
For half-year ended 30th June, 1876 £25 0 0		
Less Income Tax... ... 0 6 3		
	24 13 9	
For half-year ended 31st Dec., 1876 25 0 0		
Less Income Tax... ... 0 6 3		
	24 13 9	
		49 7 6
Anderson Scholarship:—		
„ Interest on £500 Canadian Consolidated 5 per Cent. Stock, as under, viz.:—		
For half-year ended 30th June, 1876 £12 10 0		
Less Income Tax... ... 0 3 1		
	12 6 11	
For half-year ended 31st December, 1876, less Income Tax as above	12 6 11	
		24 13 10
Crichton Scholarship:—		
„ Received from Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair, Liverpool, per Dr. J. O. Dykes...		30 0 0
		£278 3 3
By Balance in hands of Treasurer		£78 11 1

E. & O. E. LONDON, 21*st March*, 1877.

H. M. MATHESON, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1877.

THE Elementary Education Act of last year contained several provisions which are of great importance in their bearing upon the interests of all the day-schools of our Church, and especially of that class of schools—our *rural* schools—which still continue to be in some degree dependent upon the support of the School Fund.

These provisions have reference in part to the scale of Government Grants which will be available from the present year for the support of elementary schools; and in part to certain arrangements which come into operation for the first time this year to secure the attendance at such schools of all the children of the rural poor in all parts of the kingdom.

The new provisions with regard to Grants are contained in Section 19 of the Act, as follows:—

"19. So much of section ninety-seven of 'The Elementary Education Act, 1870,' as enacts that the conditions required to be fulfilled by an elementary school in order to obtain the annual parliamentary grant shall provide that the grant shall not for any year exceed the income of the school for that year which was derived from voluntary contributions and from school fees, and from any sources other than the parliamentary grant, shall be repealed as from the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

"After the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven the conditions required to be fulfilled by an elementary school in order to obtain the annual parliamentary grant shall provide that—

"(1.) Such grant shall not in any year be reduced by reason of its excess above the income of the school if the grant do not exceed the amount of seventeen shillings and sixpence per child in average attendance at the school during that year, but shall not exceed that amount per child, except by the same sum by which the income of the school, derived from voluntary contributions, rates, school fees, endowments, and any source whatever other than the parliamentary grant exceeds the said amount per child; and

"(2.) Where the population of the school district in which the school is situate, or the population within two miles, measured according to the nearest road, from the school is less than three hundred, and there is no other public elementary school recognised by the Education Department as available for the children of that district, or that population (as the case may be), a special parliamentary grant may be made annually to that school to the

amount, if the said population exceeds two hundred, of ten pounds, and, if it does not exceed two hundred, of fifteen pounds; and

"(3.) The said special grant shall be in addition to the ordinary annual parliamentary grant, and shall not be included in the calculation of that grant for the purpose of determining whether it does or does not exceed the amount before in this section mentioned."

The new provisions of the Act intended to secure a larger attendance of children upon the elementary schools of the country are based upon the comprehensive enactment that from the beginning of the present year 1877, it becomes "the legal duty of the parent of every child to cause such child to receive efficient elementary instruction in reading, writing, and arithmetic; and if such parent fail to perform such duty, he shall be liable to such order and penalties as are provided by this Act." As no power, however, has yet existed by which these "order and penalties" could be enforced, except in boroughs which have Town Councils, and districts which are under School Boards, the Act provides that the enforcing authority in all other places—that is, over the length and breadth of the agricultural districts, and in the rural parts of the manufacturing counties—is to be a *School Attendance Committee*, which must be appointed by the Board of Guardians of the Poor Law Union at the first meeting after their annual election, or at such other time as the Local Government Board shall see fit. These *School Attendance Committees* will have to be appointed during the present month of April, and will practically be the School Boards of the Unions, but without the power of providing schools. The first duty of these Committees will be to make known the provisions of the Act within their jurisdiction. They have power to appoint *Local Committees*, some of whose members must be Guardians, and for the detailed application which the Law requires such Local Committees will become needful. There will therefore be before the end of this month a School Attendance Committee in every Poor Law Union, as there already is in each municipal borough, and there may be such a body in every parish. These Committees will practically have charge of the education of the rural poor. They will act in districts where not much in the shape of public opinion exists, and where they will be almost irresponsible, except to the Education Department. They may, however, be set to work, and in some degree kept up to their duties, by individuals who are interested in education in their several districts. Any person in a parish may inform a School Attendance Committee of a case of habitual neglect to send a child to school, or of any wastrel child found in bad company or idling in the streets; and the Education Department may be appealed to and may interfere whenever the Local Board neglects its duties. The School Attendance Committees will have to look after parents, employers, and children. It will be their duty to warn parents who keep their children from school, and, if the warning is neglected, to proceed against them and get an attendance order from the magistrates. They must also see that no child is employed whom the law requires to be at school, and proceed against persons who employ them. The Act also imposes on these Committees the responsibility of reporting to the Education Department

any infraction of the "Conscience Clause," or even any complaint of such infraction which may be brought before them. They have no power to refuse to entertain such complaints, but must send them on to London. They will thus form, not a tribunal by which such matters will be inquired into, but a means of official communication between the humblest person who feels himself aggrieved and the Education Department. This is a valuable provision of the Act, and compensates in some degree for the injustice of compelling all parents to send their children to schools in which the religious teaching is opposed to their own convictions. Under it the protection of the Conscience Clause, such as it is, ought to be assured to the poorest labourer in the remotest parish in the kingdom.

"This present month of April," then, as remarked by the public writer to whom we are indebted for this outline of the Act, "ought to witness the creation of a new and powerful educational machinery in every parish of rural England." The working of the Act cannot fail to affect very favourably the interests of all our rural schools. The Committee will take care to obtain and communicate to the Church the most accurate information of its effects upon the attendance and revenue of these schools; and meanwhile the Church will rely upon the vigilance and zeal of all our School Managers to turn the wise and liberal provisions of this new legislation to the best account.

The Revenue of the School Fund remains at much the same figure as in recent years, and the Grants for the present year will be the same as in 1876, viz.:—

Tweedmouth	£17	10	0
Horncliff	14	0	0
Crookham	15	0	0
Branton	15	0	0
Bavington	15	0	0
Hott	12	10	0
Kieldar	8	0	0
Falstone	8	0	0
Wharton—Boys' School	12	0	0
,, Girls' School	10	0	0
Aston Tirrold	10	0	0

The schedule from Wooler returns the teacher's salary for 1876 at £115, being £5 beyond the maximum aidable salary of £110. The Committee of course cannot, in these circumstances, make any grant to the school for the present year beyond guaranteeing to make up if necessary the teacher's salary to that figure. The schedule from Ancroft Moor is still under the consideration of the Committee. No schedules have yet been sent in from Risley and Ramsbottom.

PETER LORIMER,

Convener.

SYNOD SCHOOL FUND.

ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR 1876.

PRESBYTERIES.	Received per Association.	Received per Collection.	Received Total.	Grants paid. First.	Grants paid. Second.	Grants paid. Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Presbytery of Berwick—						
Ancroft Moor	—	0 10 6	0 10 6	8 15 0	8 15 0	17 10 0
Belford	—	0 13 0	0 13 0	—	—	—
Horncliffe	—	1 10 6	1 10 6	7 0 0	7 0 0	14 0 0
Tweedmouth	—	0 5 0	0 5 0	8 15 0	8 15 0	17 10 0
Presbytery of Birmingham—						
New John Street	—	1 0 0	1 0 0	—	—	—
Presbytery of Cumberland—						
Carlisle	—	0 7 6	0 7 6	—	—	—
Presbytery of Liverpool—						
Liverpool—Canning Street ...	—	6 14 10	6 14 10	—	—	—
,, Fairfield	—	6 0 0	6 0 0	—	—	—
,, Trinity	2 0 0	2 8 9	4 8 9	—	—	—
Rockferry	—	9 1 0	9 1 0	—	—	—
St. Helen's	—	0 16 0	0 16 0	—	—	—
Presbytery of Manchester—						
Manchester—St. Andrew's ...	—	5 0 0	5 0 0	—	—	—
,, Withington... ...	5 11 0	—	5 11 0	—	—	—
Ramsbottom	—	4 10 0	4 10 0	7 10 0	7 10 0	15 0 0
Risley	—	1 7 0	1 7 0	8 15 0	8 15 0	17 10 0
Wharton	—	1 0 0	1 0 0	11 0 0	11 0 0	22 0 0
Presbytery of London—						
Aston Tyrrold	—	—	—	5 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0
Brighton	—	7 0 0	7 0 0	—	—	—
London—Belgrave—Dr. Stewart	3 3 0	—	3 3 0	—	—	—
,, Hampstead	19 10 0	5 15 5	25 5 5	—	—	—
,, Marylebone	—	13 3 3	13 3 3	—	—	—
,, Regent Square ..	44 1 6	10 0 0	54 1 6	—	—	—
,, St. John's Wood ...	—	5 0 0	5 0 0	—	—	—
Kingston-on-Thames	—	1 10 0	1 10 0	—	—	—
Norwich	—	3 0 0	3 0 0	—	—	—
Southampton	—	1 1 0	1 1 0	—	—	—
Islington	—	7 16 0	7 16 0	—	—	—
Presbytery of Newcastle—						
Blyth—Waterloo Road	—	1 16 0	1 16 0	—	—	—
Falstone	—	2 9 6	2 9 6	4 0 0	4 0 0	8 0 0
Gateshead	—	0 18 0	0 18 0	—	—	—
Hott	—	—	—	6 5 0	6 5 0	12 10 0
Keildar	—	—	—	4 0 0	4 0 0	8 0 0
Stockton-on-Tees	—	2 0 0	2 0 0	—	—	—
Sunderland—North Bridge Street	—	2 0 0	2 0 0	—	—	—
Wark-on-Tyne	—	1 11 4	1 11 4	—	—	—
Presbytery of Northumberland—						
Alnwick	—	1 0 0	1 0 0	—	—	—
Branton	—	2 0 0	2 0 0	7 10 0	7 10 0	15 0 0
Birdhopecraig	—	1 2 2	1 2 2	—	—	—
Bavington	—	1 3 0	1 3 0	7 10 0	7 10 0	15 0 0
Longframlington	—	0 10 0	0 10 0	—	—	—
Morpeth	—	6 0 0	6 0 0	—	—	—
Crookham	—	0 19 0	0 19 0	7 10 0	7 10 0	15 0 0
Wooler	—	1 3 10	1 3 10	—	5 0 0	5 0 0
Demerara—						
Better Hope Church	—	2 0 0	2 0 0	—	—	—
Totals	74 5 6	122 2 7	196 8 1	93 10 0	98 10 0	192 0 0

SYNOD SCHOOL FUND.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

	Receipts.			Expenditure		
1876.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year	266	16	9		—	
,, Collections and Subscriptions	196	8	1		—	
,, Interest	2	15	0		—	
By Grants as per Total		—		192	0	0
,, College Premises		—		5	0	0
,, Digest and Proceedings		—		5	0	0
,, Ranken & Co., Printing Circulars, &c.		—		2	4	7
,, Postage, &c.		—		0	11	6
,, Balance in hand carried forward		—		261	3	9
Total	465	19	10	465	19	10

JOHN JOHNSTONE, *Treasurer.*

WM. GARDEN, *Auditor.*
April, 1877.

REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1877.

YOUR Committee regret that in the Report they have now to submit they are not in a position to lay the material which they have in hand before the Synod in so complete and well-digested a form as they could wish, owing to the delay which has occurred in sending forward the reports and returns from some of the Presbyteries, and the incompleteness of several of these returns. When it is mentioned that twenty-two congregations have not returned the Committee's schedule to the corresponding member in their Presbyteries, it will be admitted that room is left for falling into error in some of the conclusions arrived at by the Committee. No doubt it may be urged that to a large number of our congregations these schedules are new, and probably little understood; but as the matter has been specially brought before each Presbytery, and as the corresponding member of your Committee in each Presbytery has been particularly careful not only to place in the hands of the proper parties the blank form issued by the Committee, but applied for its return oftener than once, little can be said in urging this excuse. Your Committee hope, however, that in the future there will be fewer defaulters, and that all will evidence their interest in this department of the Church's work, and their loyalty to the behests of the Supreme Court, by an early, full, and correct reply to the queries sent out. By thus doing they will greatly lighten the labours of those who have to collect the statistics, and enable them to lay what they have gathered in a complete, intelligible, and reliable form before the Presbyteries and Synod.

Your Committee will not attempt to institute a comparison between the amount of work done last year and in the years preceding, having a so much more extended area to report upon. They may, however, say that they have good evidence to show that the work amongst the young has neither been less earnest, less extensive, or less efficient than in former years; and that they have the same reason for giving praise to Almighty God for the gracious tokens of His approval and blessing in this part of our work as they have had to express in previous Reports.

The following is a summary of the statistics obtained from the Presbyteries:—

Presbyteries.	Number of Schools.	Sabbath Schools.					Senior Classes.		Teachers' Preparatory Classes	Schools in which Shorter Catechism is used.	Schools in which "Children's Records" are issued.	Added to Membership of Church from Schools and Senior Classes.
		Teachers.		Scholars.								
		Number of Teachers.	Teachers who are Members of Church.	Scholars on Rolls.	Average Attendance of Scholars.	Children of Parents belonging to the Church.	Teachers.	Pupils.				
Berwick ..	21	160	138	1278	990	1014	14	327	4	14	12	55
Birmingham	16	275	216	2555	1806	828	15	319	4	8	12	43
Bristol ...	12	209	171	2141	1556	470	7	262	2	6	5	13
Carlisle ...	15	213	172	1801	1393	994	11	266	3	10	7	27
Darlington ...	30	392	324	3786	2766	1826	16	494	9	14	12	41
Liverpool ...	53	999	837	9825	7388	3756	27	639	13	25	25	90
London ...	79	1373	1054	14060	9751	4195	53	1228	14	29	38	78
Manchester	32	596	512	6156	4404	2438	22	317	6	21	21	104
Newcastle ...	66	1003	799	8010	6089	4000	42	518	...	44	...	...
Northumberland	24	162	141	1573	1123	1200	10	140	2	18	11	28
Totals, 1876	348	5382	4364	51185	37266	20721	217	4510	...	189	...	...

The foregoing figures do not by any means exhaust the record of work being done amongst the young by our Church. Much is being accomplished that cannot be tabulated, and there are many workers who can neither be classed amongst our teachers nor our office-bearers, as there are services which do not come directly within the review of your Committee, although auxiliary to the branch of work upon which they now report. There are very few congregations within the Church which have not Sabbath schools connected with them; and there are many which have not only several schools, but regular children's services, night schools, bands of hope, and other means of instructing the young and interesting them in matters religious and moral. For example, we have it reported from *Hampstead* that—

"In addition to the teachers already referred to, three ladies (members) teach in a ragged-school not under our jurisdiction; and one of our Deacons conducted a Bible class in our Local Young Men's Christian Association; and a valued member of our congregation is superintending matron of the only licensed Reformatory School for Girls (120 at present) in Middlesex. These girls attend our place of worship regularly."

Amongst these miscellaneous means of creating interest in the minds and hearts of the young concerning the Lord's kingdom, we may refer to the addresses given by the missionaries in various localities during the year, especially to those given and illustrated by Mr. Ritchie. That honoured brother succeeded in awakening an amount of curious interest amongst the young who were privileged to hear his words and

see the curiosities from Formosa with which they were illustrated, that cannot fail to produce after effects of a satisfactory nature. We may here also advert to the children's praise meetings which some hold, and which, when the necessary efficient leadership can be obtained, may prove an assistance in keeping hold of those whose love of music might draw them away to places where they might meet temptation. Children's prayer-meetings are also held in some places, and with encouraging results.

Whilst in towns and villages the Sabbath school, in its customary form, will be found in connection with almost every congregation, it is satisfactory to find that, in strictly rural congregations, the spiritual interests of the young are cared for, although in a different manner. In such districts as Bewcastle in Cumberland, and Belford in Berwick, where the population is scattered, and the Church sometimes too far away from the home to allow of little feet treading the distance more than once in a day, some member of the Church kindly gathers the young ones of his more immediate neighbourhood into his own house, and regularly instructs them in the truths of the Gospel. These isolated gathering-places sometimes become something more than a single class, however, and take the shape of small schools dotted up and down the country. As an instance of the hold the Sabbath school obtains on the affections of some children, we may state that in one report (Etal) it is stated that some scholars walk four or five miles to school every Sabbath.

Your Committee have from time to time been urged to undertake the preparation and publication of a Series of Lessons for the use of Sabbath schools of the Church. In order to test the feeling of teachers generally on this point, they solicited an expression of opinion from each school as to the desirability of undertaking such a task. The response has not been by any means unanimous, but the majority are decidedly against our having a series of our own, and for various reasons—such as that there are already more than sufficient from which to choose, and many so good that we could scarcely expect to improve upon them, and therefore the trouble and expense of the work would be really thrown away; that the same lessons are followed by other Evangelical denominations all over the world; that they are adopted by the Sunday School Union, with which the school is connected, and so forth. Those advocating the preparation of a series of our own, again, whilst in some cases urging the inferior character of already existing ones as a reason for our attempting to do better, in others think the time has come when the importance and claims of the Church demand it, adding that not only Bible but Shorter Catechism lessons ought to be given, with explanatory and illustrative notes. Others urge that a series for the use of schools might be given from month to month in the *Messenger*, that the notes would be of interest to others besides parents and teachers, that it would be a useful employment of some of the space of that paper, and greatly increase its circulation. From the divided state of opinion and the small likelihood of a series of our own being adopted by all our schools, your Committee do not feel themselves in a position to recommend the Synod to take action in this matter for the present, at all events.

The need of a CHILDREN'S HYMN-BOOK is still greatly felt, as we learn from various quarters; and we hope it may soon be within our power to recommend one entirely suited to the requirements of our schools, if the Synod should not see fit to have a compilation of its own.

Another question to which the attention of your Committee has been called more than once has been the extent to which the office-bearers of the Church are engaged in the superintendence of the Sabbath schools; and they this year, for the purpose of eliciting information on this point, put the query in their schedule, "Is the Superintendent an office-bearer in the Church, and if so, what is his office?" The replies to this question they consider scarcely satisfactory, so far as they go enabling us to estimate that of the Superintendents 44 per cent. are Elders, 11 per cent. Deacons or Managers, and about 9 per cent. Ministers, leaving presumably 36 per cent. who are unofficial members in superintendence. Your Committee are of opinion that the hands and minds of our Ministers are usually so well filled on the Lord's Day with their own particular work as to render it questionable whether the addition of Sabbath-school superintendence to their other duties is desirable or expedient, and they would appeal to Elders and other competent members to relieve their Ministers of this employment wherever it is possible, feeling assured that in most cases the Minister will be found able to give more effectual aid by addresses or teaching when he is not hampered with the oversight of the whole school. That so many Elders are at the head of our schools is, on the other hand, a source of congratulation, and it may be added that not only in superintending but in teaching are our Elders manifesting their active interest in and sympathy with this work. In one report (Blackburn, St. George's) we have it stated that the teachers include one Minister, *seven* Elders, and thirty Church Members; and in many other cases we are aware that the same state of things and practical connection between the Session and the Sabbath school obtains.

The year has not been without many evidences of a GRACIOUS WORK going on amongst the young. It is true that special attention has not been directed to this, and that the period of abnormal emotion may be said to have gone by; but in the steady addition to the membership of the Church from the schools, we have a reliable indication and register of the results of our teaching. We regret that, as one of the most important Presbyteries has failed to furnish information on this point, we are unable to give very exact information; but we know enough to warrant us in believing that about the usual number has been added to the Church, and we may earnestly desire the prayers of God's people that our Heavenly Father would bless with abundant increase the labours engaged in to secure to His service and Church the young who come under the influence of our teaching.

From *Gloucester* we hear that there has been a marked blessing on the school there during the year; the teachers have been much quickened, and some of the children hopefully converted to Christ. At *St. Paul's, Millwall*, last autumn there was a season of revival by which deep and lasting impressions were made on a few of the scholars, the result of an inquiry meeting.

The *Bermondsey* report says :—

"In October we had a week of special services for scholars, the attendance being about 150 each evening. The meetings were very beneficial to teachers and scholars, about twenty of our scholars were deeply convinced of sin, and we trust are living a godly life, which we endeavour to strengthen by our Tuesday night Gospel and prayer meeting."

The *Hampstead* report says that :—

"As a result of special mission services in our church in February, 1874, and February, 1876, several young ladies and gentlemen in our families were converted, and joined the fellowship of the Church ; the Sabbath school has greatly benefited by an increase in the staff of teachers ; and the order of the school has consequently improved."

The report from *John Knox Church, Newcastle,* states that several interesting cases of conversion have taken place last year; and a striking awakening amongst the young is reported from *Durham Road, Gateshead.*

The report from *Prospect Street Church, Hull,* where there are five schools, says :—

"One or two of the schools have gone down owing to the teachers leaving, but the others have increased, especially one, which has doubled its numbers. This school was at the beginning of 1876 held in a cottage. But now, through the earnest endeavours of the teachers and a few friends connected with our Church, we have erected a mission hall and Sabbath school capable of holding upwards of 300 persons, in which we have now service twice on the Lord's Day, morning and evening ; also a service one night in the week. This place is *supplied* by the Evangelist connected with our Church. During the past year Mr. Spiers, of the London Children's Mission, held a fortnight's services in this town, at which meetings several of the children in all our schools profess to have received Christ as their Saviour. Several of the children have written letters to their teachers thanking them for the good received through their teaching. Two boys who have gone out to Calcutta have written letters to their teachers ; one professes faith in Christ, the other is thankful for good received in the Sabbath School."

The interest evidenced by the children in MISSIONARY WORK still grows, and has been practically illustrated by the largely increased contributions to the Juvenile Fund of the China Mission, now reaching over £1400, and is also witnessed by the fact that above £2100 in all has gone from the schools to that and other Missions. Your Committee would repeat their conviction that the circulation of the *Children's Messenger* should be extended to all the schools in the Church, with a view to still greater interest being awakened in the Lord's work amongst the heathen and the Jews.

Your Committee are glad to be able to report that in all the Presbyteries Sabbath School Committees have now been formed, the Conveners in each case being the corresponding member of the Synod's Committee. In some instances these Committees have not been long enough in operation to get a firm grasp of the work ; but in others there is a thoroughness which leaves nothing to be desired, and in some a promise of speedily attaining to greater efficiency.

Berwick Presbytery.—No formal report on Sabbath-school work has been

presented, and three of the congregations have not returned the schedules of queries sent to them. Six of the superintendents are ministers.

Birmingham Presbytery.—A report on the Sabbath schools has been presented, containing a summary of the statistics, incidents, &c. It concludes as follows:—"That Sunday-school work within the bounds of the Presbytery is not without spiritual results is testified by the statements made in some of the schedules. Thus in one of them it is said, 'The Teachers and Senior Scholars' Monthly Prayer-Meeting has been well attended, and a considerable degree of spiritual interest has been evinced in connection with the services.' In another, 'The religious tone of the school and the interest of the scholars in the lessons show improvement.' In a third, 'It is very gratifying to notice the increasing interest the children show not only in the Sabbath school but also in their regular attendance at the weekly prayer-meetings.'" There were returns from all the schools in this Presbytery.

Bristol Presbytery.—A report has also been presented from this Presbytery similar in character to the last-named, and concluding as follows:—"The relation of the Sabbath school to the Church is a subject which the Presbytery would do well to consider. The staff of teachers often constitute an *imperium in imperio.* This position is harmful and unfair to them, and sometimes baneful to the interest of the congregation. Questions of discipline in the school, receiving and dismissing teachers, together with the general direction, should be under the control of the Session, while the working details might, as now, continue under the management of the officers and teachers of the school. It would then be felt that the school was an integral part of the congregation, and that all the departments of the congregation's work were co-relative and under one central authority." There were returns from all the schools in this Presbytery.

Carlisle Presbytery.—No formal report was given, and there is no record of the work done by the Presbytery's Committee. Returns were obtained from all but two schools.

Darlington Presbytery.—A very exhaustive report was submitted to this Court, accompanied by a comprehensive statistical table which showed the position of each school. Returns were obtained from all the schools within the bounds. The report concludes as follows:—"In conclusion, no one can listen to such a report without being deeply interested in the number and efficiency of most of the schools, and in the vast amount of labour put forth to train the young; we trust that by another year a still better report will be submitted; and that in consideration of all the goodness of the Great Shepherd of the sheep and of the lambs, we shall be constrained to say 'What hath God wrought!'"

Liverpool Presbytery.—No formal report has been made to this Court, but the Committee is very active, has secured returns from each school, and is sending deputations to visit, encourage, and direct. A conference was also held under the direction of the Presbytery's Committee, in November last, which proved not only successful in the attendance of teachers it secured, but in the interest excited. There were two meetings and two subjects discussed—(1) "The Relation of the Sabbath School to the present Educational Movement in the Country," and (2) "The Teaching Power."

London Presbytery.—No report has been submitted, but a Committee has been appointed, and when in full operation is sure to do much good in this our most important centre. There are no returns from six schools in this Presbytery, but as some of the congregations in default are only of recent establishment, schools are probably not yet commenced.

Manchester Presbytery.—No written but a verbal report has been laid before this Court. The Committee has organised exchanges of pulpits and exami-

nations by deputies of all the schools within the bounds, but time had not permitted the Committee to collect and digest the reports sufficiently to enable us to make use of them now. Owing to various reasons, no returns had been obtained from three schools.

Newcastle Presbytery.—The Sabbath-school work in this Presbytery continues to receive anxious supervision and careful attention on the part of the Presbytery's Committee. There are sixty-six schools within the bounds, *all* of which have sent in returns, and all of which, with only two or three exceptions, have been visited during the past year. Seventeen gentlemen, six of whom were professional teachers, assisted in visiting, and on their reports the comprehensive statement laid before the Presbytery is mainly founded. They complain of want of punctuality on the part of teachers and scholars in many schools, also of irregularity (the cure for this suggested being systematic visitation of the children at their homes), of want of interest on the part of the parents, of want of properly qualified teachers, of imperfect sympathy on the part of Sessions with the work, of the want of a satisfactory system for retaining those who are too old for the ordinary Sabbath-school classes, and of the absence of a proper gradation of classes; whilst they rejoice in the knowledge that in many schools the objects are being attained for which they were instituted—the conversion and instruction of the children; that in many of the mission schools the teaching and discipline are perfect—arising from the fact that in these many of the most devoted teachers are labouring.

Northumberland Presbytery.—No formal report seems to have been submitted to this Court, and there appears to exist an unaccountable state of indifference somewhere, or in some minds, as to the work amongst the young, if we may come to such a conclusion from the fact that out of twenty-four schools eight have made no returns; the statistics are consequently unreliable as concerns the work being done in this important Presbytery.

Before closing this Report, your Committee would again urge upon all to whom they have to apply from year to year for statistics, that they return the schedules to the gentlemen appointed in the several Presbyteries within the time specified, and that some degree of care be taken to make the information supplied accurate and full. By complying with this request they will immensely lighten the labour of those appointed to carry on the work of this Committee, and add nothing to the trouble they have to take themselves.

Nothing further need be added but to congratulate the Supreme Court of the Church upon the possession of so large and efficient a band of self-denying workers who are seeking the extension of the Lord's kingdom amongst the baptised young, and amongst the young who, whether baptised or not, but for them would be as lambs without any shepherd to care for their ingathering into the fold; upon the steady and not slow growth of this most important work; upon the greater interest evinced from year to year by God's people generally in the work and its results; to bespeak for the efforts carried on amongst the young recognition, intelligent interest, and discriminating supervision in all the Courts of the Church, and prayer for greater success to attend them, evidenced in larger numbers being daily added to the Church of such as shall be saved by means of our Sabbath schools and senior classes.

JAMES ROBB,
Convener.

REPORT OF THE JEWISH MISSION COMMITTEE,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1877.

Your Committee have much satisfaction in presenting to the Synod a report which was made to them by your Missionary, Mr. Meyer. This report, while giving important information and suggestions bearing on the subject of Missions to the Jews in general, contains a graphic and interesting account of the work of your Missionary and his like-minded Assistant in the East of London during the past year:—

"With a thankful Ebenezer, hitherto hath the Lord helped us! I closed my report last year. In the spirit and manner then and there indicated, Mr. Friedberg and I have been prosecuting our labours during the ecclesiastical year now expiring, and with an equally thankful Ebenezer we now desire to close it. We believe, on the ground of God's Word, in the national conversion and restoration of Israel, that 'He who scattered Israel will also gather him;' and because we believe that, and believe also that the receiving of Israel shall be 'life from the dead,' we do not cease earnestly to pray for it, continually to keep it in view and to impress it upon all and sundry in every way possible. And since the Lord has not been pleased to reveal the time and hour when He will redeem the captives of Zion, since we know that that great event will be prepared indeed by human instrumentality, but brought abought by Divine interposition, we can do little more. We, the missionaries, are in our very persons the Church's witnesses to Israel of the Church's hope and earnest desire in behalf of Israel; but it is our special vocation to call out and deal with the 'remnant according to the election of grace' that even at this time is to be found in Israel; and by our fidelity in this more limited labour, we shall also best help to prepare the way for its national redemption. That the latter is drawing nigh is unmistakably proved by many signs. In all the Protestant parts of Europe and America, the contact with Christian civilisation has given the death-blow to Rabbinical Judaism. A return to simple Mosaic or prophetic Judaism, which for some time was the *beau idéal* of eminent and leading Rabbis, turns out to be an impossibility. A superficial Deism or an abstract monotheism is now the religion of Israel in the countries alluded to. And even in other countries where the Jews are still continuing in their isolation the foundations of Rabbinism are already undermined, and it is merely a question of time how long the whole edifice will stand. The Jews in this state are amenable to all the Christian influences around them, and imperceptibly, and almost without knowing it, they take them in, and reflect them in their peculiar manner. Nowhere is this more perceptible than in Great Britain and Germany; and the articles which especially the *Jewish World* and the *Jewish Chronicle* are launching forth against Christianity from week to week, prove only that its leaven is working among them, and against their will

they must help to spread a knowledge of the New Testament Scripture, and of the historical truths on which Christianity is based.

"While then dealing chiefly with this 'remnant according to the election of grace,' the Missionaries in Protestant countries such as ours are under great disadvantages. The educated Jew, having free and full access to our literature, moving in our social circles, does not require them; if he feels drawn towards Christianity, he finds enough churches in which the truths of the Gospel are fully proclaimed, and that by more gifted men than your missionaries can presume to be. And even when the truth as it is in Christ has made a deeper impression upon the heart of such a Jew, he can confess Him and be baptised without having the fact proclaimed in reports and periodicals, which is a sad necessity in the case of missionaries, from which, however, a sensitive mind shrinks, and which it will try to avoid if in any way possible. It is thus with the poor and illiterate that we have chiefly to deal; and we are all the more shut up to them by the fact that our Mission is established in the East of London, where none of the wealthy and educated are to be found. But far from seeing in this any disparagement, I would rather glory in it, for it has always been a sign of the truth of the Gospel that it is preached to the poor.

"Our Mission has now been in existence for five years, during which its character has been developed, and although stereotyped forms and modes of operation are to be carefully guarded against, because they would be sure to kill all spiritual life, yet it is natural that those modes of operation which hitherto have been successful and blessed should not so easily be discarded. As in former years, so we have in the past year also been working by means of *domestic visitation, public meetings, inquirers' classes,* and *private instruction.* Allow me to say a few words on each of these.

"1. *Domestic Visitation.*—Experience has now fully shown that consecutive domestic visitation of Jews is all but impossible, and that even where it is practised it yields very little fruit. Even the missionaries of the London City Mission found that they were not able to carry it out, and have been dispensed from it. As the various meetings held in the course of the week—the inquirers' classes, &c.—now occupy us much more than in former years, less time can be devoted to this branch of our work; but I can assure the Committee that not one day passes without some visits being paid by Mr. Friedberg and myself to Jewish houses, and that a goodly number of them are accessible and open to us. In these visits we allow ourselves to be entirely guided by the Lord. A word spoken to a Jew in the street or in the coffee-house often opens a house in which we are received as friends and can freely speak of the one thing needful. Often we find there also friends or relatives of the family, and so one house opened becomes the means of opening another. Lest the Committee, however, should think that this part of our work is somewhat neglected, I may mention that I have been appointed superintendent of two agents of the London City Mission who are labouring in the East (one of them being one of their so-called Jewish missionaries), and who devote almost their whole time to visiting. With them I meet regularly every Monday from six to seven p.m. for consultation and prayer. Every hopeful case is reported by them and followed up by me, so that even to this part of our work is ample justice done. While this kind of visiting, however, has for its object to bring nigh those that are still far off, our own converts are not forgotten, but regularly visited, and as they are scattered over the whole town a good deal of time is taken up in this way. Nor can we decline to visit those Gentiles who regularly attend our Evangelistic Meetings, when sickness or death enters their houses, to bring to them the sweet consolations of the Gospel. This, however, naturally leads me to speak of our

"2. *Public Meetings in the Mission Hall*, which is becoming more and more the central point of our operations. Of such meetings we have three:—Exposition of the Old Testament Scriptures on Friday evening, an Evangelistic Service on Sunday afternoon, and a Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening. The first of these—the *Friday Evening Meeting*—is intended for and attended by Jews only, converted and unconverted, and throughout the whole year I have been lecturing on the second part of Isaiah. The attendance is encouraging (about twenty) and the attention most cheering. At these meetings I allow questions to be put, objections to be stated, &c., after the lecture. That opportunity has several times been made use of for annoying us or creating a disturbance, but we always were enabled to put down at once any such attempts, and nip in the bud the disturbing element.

"Such unseemly scenes of tumult took place at meetings held in the district by other missionaries that the interference of the police became necessary. Thank God that never was required at our hall. Although our object is well understood by the Jews, we have succeeded in commanding respect, and although all other Jewish missionaries have been made the objects of virulent attacks and serious aspersions and charges by the Jewish Press, they have not been able to bring forward anything against us.

"The *Evangelistic Services on Sunday afternoon* have been most successful. The hall is now quite filled, and we have frequently been obliged to lock the door to prevent overcrowding. The *Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening* is attended by thirty to forty people. Although the greater portion of those attending these meetings are Gentile Christians, yet there is always among them a considerable number of Jews, and there is scarcely a meeting held at which one or more Jews, strangers to us, do not come in and hear the Gospel preached. These are, if possible, spoken to after the service, and often come back on the other evenings set apart for inquirers, to hear more about the way of salvation.

"Before, however, passing on to the meetings with and for inquirers, I must mention two most interesting meetings which were held in the hall during the year. One was the anniversary meeting held early in November, at which many members of the Committee were present. It was a grand sight, calling forth the deepest gratitude of the heart, to see so many Jews assembled, all more or less, in one way or other, in connection with the Mission; but more interesting still was a service held in February on the occasion of the baptism of one of our converts, H. I., when believing and unbelieving Jews filled the hall, and one of the latter, touched to tears when he heard me describe the trials of a convert, was obliged to confess that Christianity must be the truth, and Christ true God, if anyone was able to bear such trials for Christ's sake and through Christ.

"All the other evenings in the week and Saturday afternoon are devoted to *Meeting with Inquirers*, and to giving systematic instruction in the truths of Christianity to the candidates for baptism. We have not kept an account of those who visited us once or twice only; their number, however, was not inconsiderable. Those who for a longer or shorter time received regular instruction in the course of the year were thirty-seven. Of these some were sent away by us because we discovered that their motives were not pure; others we were obliged to dismiss with a bleeding heart because it was impossible to find work for them, and we have neither means to keep them, nor any such auxiliary institutions as, *e.g.*, the London Society possesses in its Home and Operative Institution. Others were spirited away, and by promises and paying of travelling expenses, induced to go to France; nine are at the present moment still under instruction, of whom some will, I trust, shortly make a public confession of Christ. Three did so in the course of the year, and were by baptism

received into the visible Church of Christ. Although a full account of these cases was given in the *Messenger*, yet I may be permitted to remind the Committee of one of them which offers some features of peculiar interest. It is that of a young man who, after having gone through the preliminary studies necessary for being a Rabbi, and attended for some time the Rabbinical Seminary at Breslau, lost faith in Judaism, gave up the Rabbinical studies, and attended philosophical classes at Würzburg, Bavaria. After having fathomed the depth of the misery of infidelity, he came to faith in Jesus, not only as the Messiah promised to the fathers, but as *his* Saviour and Redeemer, and having found a new life in Him, is filled with the desire of spreading it. I trust that the way may be opened to him, and that after having gone through the regular course of studies, he will be enabled to serve Christ as a minister.

"The number of baptisms is smaller than it was last year; perhaps that is owing to the greater caution which we took in not admitting to the Sacrament any of whose *conversion* we were not certain. But I surely need not tell the Committee that the baptisms are not the only thing by which the success of a Mission is to be judged. 'Christ sent me not to baptise, but to preach the Gospel,' ought to be the motto of every mission and missionary, as it was Paul's. And that the Gospel has been abundantly and faithfully preached in connection with our Mission appears from what has been said in the previous part of this report. Besides those visible results by baptisms, there are also invisible results, known to the Lord alone, and which eternity only will reveal. Sometimes the seed of the Divine Word lies dormant in the soul for a long time before it begins to germinate. Such is, *e.g.*, the case with one of our present inquirers. He received from me instruction in the truths of Christianity three years ago, and suddenly disappeared; he has now come back to be further instructed with a view to confess Christ and be baptised in His name, and brings his wife with him. There are two of our inquirers fully convinced that Jesus is the Christ, who trust to Him for pardon, peace, and holiness, and pray to Him, but who have not yet received strength sufficient for cutting dear and tender family ties and connections, which would be the result of baptism. What a severe struggle, what a heavy ordeal that is, he only can know who has gone through it. In other cases, again, the old saying is verified: "One soweth, and another reapeth." That is, *e.g.*, the case with one of those who were, by hostile influences, induced to leave us and to go to Paris. He found out the Protestant missionary to the Jews there, and placed himself under his instruction. Taking all this into consideration, I think we have much reason to thank the Lord for His goodness to us.

"In the *Reading Room*, which was opened in November, we have obtained a very important auxiliary, which is useful in more ways than we had anticipated, and is promising to be more useful still as it becomes more known.

"As regards the conduct and the Christian conversation of our older converts, there are some no doubt in whom we should like to see greater spirituality; but there are others who not only walk worthily of the vocation wherewith they are called, adorning the doctrine of God their Saviour, but are burning and shining lights, and officially or as voluntary labourers help to spread the savour of the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. To particulars given in last year's report, I have only to add that Mr. Van den Berg, whom I was induced to send to the Cape last year, has so approved himself as a zealous Christian and active Evangelist, that he has received a Government appointment as Evangelist to the navvies and other workpeople now engaged in building the railway to Beaufort.

"This is a short summary of what the Lord enabled your missionary and his assistant to do during the past year. We are but too conscious of our weakness and shortcomings, but for that very reason we feel all the more thankful to the

Lord for the blessing He has been pleased to bestow upon our feeble labours. The work we are doing is a very difficult and trying work, in which we need to be upheld by the sympathy and prayers, not only of the Committee, but of the whole Church. Oh, that these prayers may be given to us, or rather to the work done by us, that so the blessing may come upon our Church and people promised to those who pray for the peace of Jerusalem. And although the results of a year's labours may seem to be small, let us not despise the day of small things. And although difficulties may increase, although when looking to ourselves and to what is visible we may feel disposed to despond, God's word and promise is that all Israel shall be saved, and that word and promise will be, must be fulfilled. Although the fulfilment tarry, let us wait for it, because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Let us therefore be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in this work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our labour is not in vain in the Lord."

To the full and impressive statement of the Missionary your Committee feel that nothing requires to be added regarding the work as hitherto conducted. They have come, however, to be convinced that the operations of the Mission ought now to be enlarged. Interest in the work has been steadily growing year by year throughout the Church, insomuch that the funds which were at first, and for some time, greatly short of our requirements, now somewhat exceed them. Encouraged by this progress, and having regard, on the one hand, to the happy Union of last June, which has nearly doubled the size of the Church, and, on the other, to the interest attaching to the cause of Israel, your Committee believe that the revenue of this Mission could be greatly increased without detriment to any other enterprise of the Church, and with advantage to the spiritual life of her congregations. Your Committee respectfully submit the question of the extension of the Mission to your consideration; and with thanksgiving to the God of Israel for the blessing which He has given to the work of your Missionaries, they commend them, and the cause entrusted to them, to the continued liberality, sympathy, and prayers of all the congregations of the Church.

ROBERT TAYLOR,

Convener.

THE JEWISH MISSION—IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER.

Dr. FOR YEAR 1876—1877. *Cr.*

1877.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Feb. 28.	To Salaries—						
,,	Rev. T. J. Meyer, for year to Christmas 1876	400	0	0			
,,	Mr. Julius Friedberg, for year to 28th Feb., 1877	200	0	0			
					600	0	0
,,	Housekeeper's Wages	...		...	9	14	0
,,	Rent of Whitechapel Road premises to Christmas, 1876	...		...	80	0	0
,,	Gas and Coals	...		...	16	4	4
,,	Grant for Furnishing Reading Room and Library	...		...	25	0	0
,,	Reading Room and Library (per contra)	...		...	8	14	4
,,	Synod Treasurer—						
	Proportion of Printing Reports of Committees, &c.	13	7	6			
	Do. of Travelling Expenses of Presbyteries' Representatives	12	10	0			
					25	17	6
,,	Treasurer of Publications Committee— Proportion of Expenses of Digest of the Proceedings of the Presbyterian Church in England ...	...		...	15	0	0
,,	College Treasurer— Committee's use of College Rooms, 1876-77	...		...	5	0	0
,,	Ranken & Co.— Printing Pew Notices of Collection, Report, &c.	...		...	18	16	1
,,	Rev. T. J. Meyer, Bibles, Tracts and Hymn Books	...		...	6	4	9
,,	Do., Sundry Expenses	...		...	13	10	7
,,	Do., Expenses of Social Meeting ...	...		...	4	10	0
,,	Insurance of Plate Glass (Window)	...		...	0	12	0
,,	Postages...	...		...	1	10	2
,,	Income Tax on Whitechapel Premises (to be deducted from next quarter's rent)	...		...	1	1	0
,,	Balance	...		...	793	9	11
					£1625	4	8

Audited and found correct,
London, March 21, 1877.

T. D. THOMSON,
Auditor.

1876.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Feb. 29.	By Balance in hand from Last Year's Account				698	3	10
1877.	Collections—						
Feb. 28.	,, Presbytery of Berwick	5	8	2			
	,, ,, Birmingham	9	10	0			
	,, ,, Bristol	21	6	4			
	,, ,, Carlisle	3	0	0			
	,, ,, Darlington...	40	6	11			
	,, ,, Liverpool	137	10	0			
	,, ,, London	311	9	9			
	,, ,, Manchester	32	2	0			
	,, ,, Newcastle-on-Tyne ...	58	12	11			
	,, ,, Northumberland	16	5	8			
	,, Ashbourne (Derbyshire) Free Church of England	15	19	5			
					651	11	2
	Associations—						
	,, Presbytery of Liverpool	0	16	0			
	,, ,, London	189	0	10			
	,, ,, Manchester	16	4	8			
					206	1	6
	,, Sabbath Schools				16	13	10
	,, Collecting Cards				6	12	6
	,, Missionary Boxes				2	0	6
	,, Donations				35	7	0
	,, Special Donations for Reading Room and Library (per contra)				8	14	4
					£1625	4	8

March 1. By Balance in hand (to meet Expenditure for year 1877-8) £793 9 11

JAMES S. NESS, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF SUSTENTATION FUND COMMITTEE FOR 1876,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1877.

Your Committee have sincere pleasure in submitting their first Report to the Synod of the United Church. In doing so, we deem it necessary to refer to the history and working of the Fund prior to the Union, in that portion of the United Church which alone, up to the end of the year on which we report, had experience of its operation.

In the circumstances it may be advantageous here to state that, although the need for a Sustentation Fund was acknowledged by the Presbyterian Church in England from the year 1844, and the principle of it again and again approved, the supplemental method for aiding in the support of the ministry in poorer charges continued in operation to the end of 1872. The necessity which had been felt to exist for an improved system of finance, for the more perfect consolidation of the Church, and the more adequate remuneration of her ministers, of both aid-giving and aid-receiving congregations, had from time to time given rise to an agitation in favour of a Sustentation Fund. Latterly the apparently near approach of Union rendered it desirable, in the opinion of many, that no action should be taken in reforming the financial system of the Church until the Union should be accomplished. When, however, the Joint Union Committee, meeting in Edinburgh, agreed to the general principles of a future common system of finance for the support of the ministry, it was at once seen that the reasons for delay were to so large an extent removed, that the Presbyterian Church in England might safely proceed with the formation of a Sustentation Fund plan based on the aforesaid principles, with the almost absolute certainty of that plan being acceptable to the United Church when Union should be effected. The delay in the accomplishment of the Union and the pressing necessities of the Church together led to that course of action which resulted in the adoption by the Synod of 1872 of the Sustentation Fund plan at present in operation. On examination it will be found that its chief regulations embody, substantially and literally, the main principles of the financial system generally agreed upon and laid down by the representatives of all the negotiating Churches.

The plan which has now become the Sustentation Fund Act of 1872, was brought into operation on the 1st January, 1873; and

although it was felt on all hands that £200 per annum was the smallest minimum stipend with which the Church should be ultimately satisfied, it was deemed inexpedient at first to aim at a higher dividend than £150. This amount was attained without difficulty, and the condition of the Fund in 1874 warranted the Church in paying in addition to this dividend the premium due by ministers to the Widows and Orphans' Fund, which raised the actual minimum stipend in 1875 to £155. The expediency of hastening the time when final arrangements should be made with congregations as to the amounts they respectively would endeavour to remit to the Fund, and of making an extra effort in the year of the Union, contributed to the formation of the resolution to raise the dividend in 1876 to £200, exclusive of the £5 premium to the Widows and Orphans' Fund. On the result of this effort, put forth with the hearty approval of all the Presbyteries of the late Presbyterian Church in England, it is now your Committee's duty to report.

The year has been one of considerable endeavour and anxiety. The attempt to raise the dividend by £50 all round in one year was realised to be a serious undertaking, and only the necessities of the case and the assurance of the support of the Presbyteries could have induced your Committee to make it.

The year began with a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £942; and your Committee estimated that the number of congregations then on the Fund, or likely to be on it, would require remittances from them amounting to £24,686 if an equal dividend of £205 was to be paid. The total amount remitted by congregations was, during the year, £22,065, or £2621 less than the required sum. This deficiency, together with the fact that it was found needful to admit several other congregations to the benefits of the Fund, placed the Committee in the position of requiring to seek for extra donations, and of using up the most of their balance, in paying a dividend of £200 not exclusive of but including the premium to the Widows and Orphans' Fund.

Although it is to be regretted that the aimed-at dividend has not been reached by the natural and easy remittances of congregations, your Committee feel that it is a cause of sincere thankfulness that they found themselves in a position to pay an actual dividend of £200, leaving a balance in hand of over £300. This fact, viewed in itself as having been accomplished in the fourth year of the Fund, cannot be other than a ground of congratulation and of gratitude. This fact, however, does not stand alone. It is the result of an organisation as yet but imperfectly worked, and of a movement supported by a comparatively small portion of the people of our congregations, and that with a degree of liberality on the part of the majority of those who give to it far below what, when the Fund is properly understood, we may fairly expect. Had nothing more been accomplished than the bringing up of the minimum stipend to even £200 per annum, that would have been a most important result; but the benefit to the stipends in the weaker charges has been equalled if not surpassed by the benefit to the stipends in self-sustaining and aid-giving congregations. We have not yet reached the stage at which the power of the Fund in this direction shall receive its fullest development. The effect of the Sustentation Fund as worked in our

Church is, that it is rendered possible and easy, as it is desirable, to benefit the stipends of ministers of all classes of congregations according to the ability and wish of the people; whereas the former supplemental system dealt only with the stipends in the poorer charges, and left out of view the equally inadequate remuneration of many in receipt of higher stipends. When, therefore, it is announced that an equal dividend of £200 has been attained, the half only of the result of the operation of the Fund is told.

The general progress of the movement may be seen from the following comparison. There were available for dividends:—

In 1873	.. ..	£14,838
„ 1874	.. ..	15,613
„ 1875	.. ..	17,292, and
„ 1876	.. ..	22,453

including the Hewley Grants, but excluding donations.

A financial statement is this year also submitted, but on account of the failure of a number of congregations to give data asked, it is necessarily imperfect.

It is of interest to note that in the first year of the Fund the Associations realised £6117; in the second, £6969; and during the last year, if we add the same proportion of contributions through Associations where the data have not been given as where returns have been made, the amount realised is £10,160. This result seems to indicate a growing interest in the movement, and a more perfect state of the organisation, as it also shows an increase in the number of congregations on the Fund.

There is given in the statement the amount of increase and decrease in the remittances of each congregation respectively in 1876, as compared with 1875. There is also given the amount of increase and decrease in the stipends of ministers in 1876, as compared with 1871, before the introduction of the Fund. It has been thought of interest to show the amounts respectively which congregations raised for stipends both to their own and that of other ministers in 1876, as compared with 1871; but these are of value only in so far as they bear upon individual cases. The sum total of these figures is of little value, for the reason that there is a large number of congregations where comparison is impossible, for want of data, and which are therefore left blank. The individual cases given, however, show a large amount of almost uniform advancement. There are a few cases which form exceptions to the rule, but it will be found that the most of these are in exceptional circumstances. It will be seen also that the increase in stipends is not confined to aid-receiving congregations, but is to a very large extent distributed over the Church. We are far from claiming that the increase in all cases is due to the Sustentation Fund; but undoubtedly the vast majority owe the increase indicated to it, and others are the results of the general movement towards the more adequate remuneration of the ministry of the Church for their services on her behalf. We regret that a full and accurate statement in each case cannot be given.

The last columns in the statement contain the amount which congregations are expected to give, the increase or decrease of their remittances

as tried by that standard, together with the proposed dividend to congregations on the Fund for the current year. There are three additional congregations, late United Presbyterian, on the Fund, one aid-giving and two aid-receiving, which balance each other.

As already stated, congregations, as a whole, failed to come up to the Committee's estimate by £2628; and the result was failure to reach the aimed-at dividend by £5. This was much to be regretted, as we fear in some cases it caused a reduction of the minister's stipend by that amount, as compared with the previous year. We hope for a more satisfactory result this year. It is, however, manifest to your Committee that, unless the congregations accept the rating, it will be found simply impossible to pay the dividend desired, or even to maintain the £200 standard. To this your Committee respectfully desire to direct your earnest attention. They have given the data in the case that it may be seen that the estimate is not exaggerated. They are far from being of opinion that the requirements of the case are beyond the ability of the Church, and fondly hope that when so much has been attained, and the object aimed at brought within easy reach, the needful effort will not be wanting to secure it. It is not possible for your Committee to press too earnestly the need of giving all over the Church prompt attention to the perfecting of the Sustentation Fund Organisation, and the obtaining of a much larger number of contributors, and a yet greater degree of liberality on the part of a large proportion of those who have already contributed in support of the Fund. The Church has now a signal opportunity of placing this most important instrument of her present consolidation and future greatly-extended usefulness on a broad and permanent basis. The object is worthy of her best energies, and is of such importance as ought to secure the removal of all supineness in the matter.

During the year the question of the relation of the congregations lately United Presbyterian to the Sustentation Fund, has been pressed upon the attention of the Committee by the application from several of these to be admitted.

As the supplementing of the stipends in the aid-receiving congregations of that portion of the Church was committed to the care of the Home Mission Committee, your Committee approached that Committee on the subject, and were informed that they were prepared to hear what we had to propose on the matter. As the result of this a Sub-Committee was appointed to consider the first steps needful to be taken for the unification of the financial systems of the Church for the support of the ministry. On their report the following proposals to be submitted to the Home Mission Committee were agreed to:—

1. "That as the grant from the United Presbyterian Synod in favour of their congregations in England originated in a proposal to give £2000 for augmentation, and £500 for evangelistic purposes, it be recommended that that division of the subsidy be adhered to.

2. "That the late United Presbyterian congregations be visited in due course, with the view of explaining to them the regulations of the Sustentation Fund, and ascertaining whether they are prepared to adopt the Fund and form Sustentation Associations.

3. "That the question of the administration of their contributions to the general fund be left for future consideration.

4. "That a brief statement explanatory of the Sustentation Fund regulations be drawn up for distribution among the office-bearers of said congregations."

An Extract Minute containing these proposals was laid before the Home Mission Committee, which handed them to a Sub-Committee of their number, and the following Extract Minute will show the result so far as it is concerned :—

"At Liverpool, the 23rd day of October, 1876, which day the Sub-Committee of the Home Mission Committee met and was duly constituted.

"*Inter alia*,—

"The Sub-Committee took into consideration Extract Minutes from the Records of the Sustentation Fund Committee anent the future relation of the former United Presbyterian congregations to the Sustentation Fund, and the Rev. Dr. MacEwan and the Rev. J. M. Ross were heard as representing said Committee.

"The Sub-Committee are of opinion that it is very desirable that as soon as possible the system of finance for the maintenance of the ministry in the United Church be unified and they agree that; whilst due delicacy should be exercised in pressing the Sustentation Fund question on the late United Presbyterian congregations, yet it should be a recommendation to the Sustentation Fund Committee to take measures at once, through the several Presbyteries or otherwise, to visit the said congregations, and impart such information on the subject as may be desirable.

"Extracted from Sub-Committee Records by

"(Signed) "W. McCaw,

"*Joint-Convener*."

The following is the Minute of the Sustentation Fund Committee when the foregoing extract was produced on 20th November :—

"The Secretary laid on the table an Extract Minute of the Home Mission Committee, in which they recommend to the Sustentation Fund Committee that they take measures at once, through the several Presbyteries or otherwise, to visit the said congregations and impart such information in regard to the Sustentation Fund as may be desirable. Whereupon the Secretary was instructed accordingly."

On the 26th February last (1877) he reported that he had communicated with all and conferred with most of the Sessions and Managers of the congregations lately United Presbyterian within the bounds of the London Presbytery in reference to the Sustentation Fund, that he met with much cordiality, and that there seemed no objections to the Sustentation Fund nor its regulations; that some had very heartily adopted the scheme, and that others had craved for delay on account of the debt on their churches or for fuller consideration; but that the Clapham Road congregation had, in adopting the Fund, agreed to send a minimum contribution of £400 for the year.

The Secretary further reported, that several of the aid-receiving congregations among them desired to join the Fund, and asked for instructions; when it was agreed that, in the absence of more definite arrangements on the points submitted by your Committee to the Home

Mission Committee, it was not possible for your Committee, in the present state of the Sustentation Fund, to receive on to it aid-receiving congregations faster than aid-giving congregations joined it to supply the needed aid. On this arrangement the Committee has acted, and placed two aid-receiving former United Presbyterian congregations which first applied, on to the Fund along with the Clapham Road congregation.

Your Committee feel that it is necessary to come to a definite arrangement on the points already stated, and one or two others, before any further progress can be made, and would respectfully suggest that you instruct the Home Mission and Sustentation Fund Committees to confer on the subject some time during the week of your sittings in London, and formulate the needful arrangements, and thereafter submit their proposals for your approval. Meanwhile arrangements are being made for holding conferences in Liverpool, Manchester, and Newcastle, with former United Presbyterian office-bearers anent the transference of their congregations to the Sustentation Fund, to prepare the way for definite and final arrangements.

Your Committee desire to submit for your consideration an application to them from the Presbytery of Manchester. It will be remembered that the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England passed for the guidance of the Sustentation Fund Committee, among other rules, the following :—

"That congregations under the self-sustaining point which in the judgment of the Committee occupy positions in which they might fairly be expected to be self-sustaining, shall not have a claim to be on the equal dividend platform, unless under special instructions from the Synod."

Before proceeding to raise aided congregations to the £200 platform, the Committee named several which in their opinion occupied such positions, and among these was Warrington. It was accordingly not placed on the higher platform, but under the eleventh regulation, as its revenue was then decreasing. A vacancy having occurred and a new minister having been appointed, with evident tokens of renewed prosperity, the Presbytery of Manchester, through its Clerk, request your Committee to reconsider the case of Warrington and replace it on the equal dividend platform for a season provisionally, so as to place it in the most favourable circumstances for regaining its strength. Your Committee resolved to refer the case *simpliciter* for your decision, which they now do.

Your Committee think it desirable, in connection with the suggestion for the appointment of a General Secretary to this Church, to bring before you the Minutes in reference to the appointment of the Rev. J. M. Ross as their Secretary.

The Synod of 1872 having passed the Sustentation Fund Act, authorised the Sustentation Fund Committee to appoint a paid Secretary, and the Sustentation Fund Committee remitted the matter to the London members as a Sub-Committee, "with power to conclude an arrangement, if they see fit, with one person to devote his time to the work."

The following Resolutions show what was done :—

"At Queen's Square House on 6th May, 1872, the Sub-Committee of the Sustentation Fund Committee being met and duly constituted,—

"*Inter alia*,—

"It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the Rev. J. M. Ross be appointed to act until next meeting of Synod, in 1873, as organising secretary, at a salary of £325, the amount of his stipend. In asking Mr. Ross to accept this office the Sub-Committee did so expressing to him their purpose to recommend strongly to the Synod that a General Secretary be appointed for the schemes of the Church, and that Mr. Ross be that Secretary. Mr. Ross being present accepted the appointment.

"...The Committee, in reference to the above resolution, deemed it very desirable that Mr. Ross should retain his status as a member of Presbytery, that he might all the more efficiently discharge the duties of his important office, and expressed their earnest hope that he would be able, with the advice and assistance of his own Presbytery, to make the requisite arrangements with his congregation and otherwise. The Secretary was instructed to hand to Mr. Ross a copy of the Sub-Committee's resolutions and intimations as expressed.

"The meeting was closed with prayer by the Convener.

"(Signed) "D. Fraser,

"*Chairman of Sub-Committee.*"

"On the 18th June, 1872, the Sustentation Fund Committee met at Queen's Square House, London, and the meeting was opened with prayer by the Convener.

"*Inter alia*,—

"The Minutes of the meeting of Committee held on 19th April were read and confirmed, as also were the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th May by the Sub-Committee.

"The meeting was closed with prayer by the Convener, Dr. Fraser.

"(Signed) "D. Fraser,

"*Convener.*"

At the Synod held at Newcastle in 1873, and on the motion of the Rev. Dr. Fraser, it was resolved—

"That the Synod, at the request of the Sustentation Fund Committee, take into consideration the necessity felt by that Committee for the continuance of the labours of an organising Secretary, and having in view the advantages which may accrue from making the services of such a Secretary available in part to some of the other Committees charged with onerous duties, appoint a special Committee to consider the whole subject and report to a future Diet of this Synod."

At a subsequent Diet of the same Synod the Report of this Committee was given in by Dr. Fraser, the Convener, when the Rev. Robert Taylor moved, and the Rev. James Fettes seconded—

"'That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Sustentation Fund Committee, the Synod appoint the Rev. J. M. Ross Secretary to the Fund; and in order that he may give all his time and attention to the work, loose him from his pastoral charge at Ancoats, and instruct the Presbytery of Manchester to declare his charge vacant with all convenient speed, according to the Rules of the Church.'

"It was moved by Mr. Robert Lockhart, and seconded by the Rev. George

Wallace—'That the Sustentation Fund Committee be empowered to make such temporary arrangements for this year as may be found necessary.'

"After reasoning the Synod resolved to proceed to the vote, the state thereof being *motion* or *amendment*, and to take the same by a show of hands; when, the votes being counted, it was found that the motion was carried by a majority: Wherefore the Synod did and hereby do appoint Mr. Ross Secretary of the Sustentation Fund: and in order that he may give all his time to the work, loose him from his charge at Ancoats, and instruct the Presbytery of Manchester to declare his charge vacant with all convenient speed, according to the Rules of the Church.

"The Moderator intimated to Mr. Ross his appointment to the office, and the latter accepted the same."

In conclusion, your Committee, after mature consideration, resolved to declare a dividend of £50 for the first quarter of the current year; but finding that this more than exhausts the funds actually in hand, although there are sums to come in amounting to over £600; and finding also that the want of a sufficient working capital greatly interferes with the proper working of the Fund, further resolved to recommend to the Synod that a working capital of at least £3000 be procured, and that it authorise a grant of this amount from the Thanksgiving Fund, with the provision that the said amount be held over as a balance at the end of each year.

D. FRASER,
D. MACEWAN, } *Joint-Conveners.*

JOHN M. ROSS, *Secretary.*

SUSTENTATION FUND,

Balance Sheet, 31st Dec., 1876.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance on hand	942	14	4
Donations	523	4	0
Received from Congregations	22,065	10	7
	£23,531	8	11

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Printing, Stationery, &c.	121	3	9
Banker's Commission, &c.	2	12	1
Travelling Charges	134	19	6
Rev. J. M. Ross	400	0	0
Clerk to Treasurer	52	0	0
Finance Committee and Publications Committee...	62	5	6
College Committee—Rent	10	0	0
	783	0	10
Widows' Fund	512	10	0
Ministers' Stipends and Supplies	21,929	8	5
Balance on hand	306	9	8
	£23,531	8	11

W. D. ANDERSON, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the Cash Book, Vouchers, and Banker's Book, and find the above balance correct.

LONDON, 12*th March*, 1877.

ARCHD. MACNICOLL, *Auditor.*

SUSTENTATION FUND.—

No.	Congregations.	No. of Members.	Names on S. Fund Books as Actual Contributors.	Per cent. on Membership.	Collectors.	Amount from Sustentation Fund Association. £ s. d.	Amount from Ordinary Revenue. £ s. d.	Total Paid into Sustentation Fund by Congregation. £ s. d.	Lady Hewley Grant and other Sources. £
	Berwick Presbytery.								
1	Ancroft Moor	137	57	42	5	7 18 3	54 13 7	62 11 10	14
2	Belford, Columba	138	67	49	7	31 0 8	87 9 4	119 0 0	—
3	Berwick, Bank Hill	273	48	18	6	29 0 0	171 0 0	200 0 0	—
4	Crookham	246	72	29	12	15 16 9	89 3 3	105 0 0	14
5	Etal	230	170	74	12	15 2 0	90 0 0	105 2 0	14
6	Horncliffe	221	188	85	11	18 1 9	88 6 8	106 8 5	14
7	Lowick	262	—	—	—	—	—	104 17 0	10
8	Norham, North Church ...	209	135	65	7	19 18 8	85 1 4	105 0 0	14
9	Tweedmouth	195	93	48	8	10 15 0	94 5 0	105 0 0	25
						147 13 1	760 9 2	1012 19 3	105
	Birmingham Presbytery.								
10	Birmingham, Broad Street ...	156	103	66	9	73 7 9	136 12 3	210 0 0	—
11	,, . New John Street	66	97	147	7	78 11 4	—	78 11 4	—
12	Dudley	80	26	32	E	26 4 0	76 6 0	102 10 0	—
13	Hanley	140	—	—	—	—	—	177 10 0	—
14	Nottingham	90	41	46	4	130 0 0	99 15 6	229 15 6	—
15	Shrewsbury	69	42	61	7	75 12 8	113 2 4	188 15 0	—
16	Stafford	96	27	28	4	27 8 6	133 2 0	160 10 6	—
17	*Walsall*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	Worcester	143	33	23	5	17 0 1	169 4 11	186 5 0	—
						428 4 4	728 3 0	1333 17 4	—
	Bristol Presbytery.								
19	Aberdare	—	—	—	—	—	—	160 0 0	—
20	Cardiff	274	181	66	12	129 10 6	95 9 6	225 0 0	—
21	Cheltenham	178	—	—	—	—	—	225 0 0	—
22	Gloucester	185	226	122	7	50 8 11	154 11 1	205 0 0	—
23	Plymouth	173	—	—	—	—	—	210 0 0	—
24	Swansea	156	45	29	6	*c* 50 0 0	—	50 0 0	—
25	Torquay	110	90	82	3	172 5 6	77 14 6	250 0 0	—
26	Wyastone Leys	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
						402 4 11	327 15 1	1325 0 0	—
	Carlisle Presbytery.								
27	Bewcastle	104	—	—	—	73 7 0	18 4 0	91 11 0	14
28	Brampton	40	35	87	4	15 8 0	59 12 0	75 0 0	14
29	Carlisle, Warwick Road ...	320	166	52	E	61 1 10	149 18 2	211 0 0	—
30	Cleator Moor	118	86	73	7	40 0 2	117 10 0	157 10 2	14
31	Haltwhistle	72	45	62	4	48 0 0	13 10 0	61 10 0	14
32	Maryport, John Street ...	80	—	—	—	—	—	105 0 0	10
33	Whitehaven, Market Place ...	164	30	18	E	20 0 0	190 0 0	210 0 0	—
34	Workington	86	30	35	E	19 1 5	85 18 7	105 0 0	—
						276 18 5	634 12 9	1016 11 2	66
	Darlington Presbytery.								
35	Darlington	248	99	40	9	105 18 7	104 1 5	210 0 0	—
36	Grimsby	83	—	—	—	} —	—	—	—
37	Harrogate	54	50	93	2	} —	—	—	—
	Carried forward ...								

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1876.

Total Available for Dividend.	Dividend Paid.	Supplement from Congregation.	Total Stipend.	Difference in Amount Remitted 1876 as against 1875. Incr. / Decr. 1876.		Amount of Stipend 1876 as against 1871. Incr. / Decr. 1876.		Stipend Money raised 1876 as against 1871. Incr. / Decr. 1876.		Amount Rated.	Remitted. More	Remitted. Less	Proposed Dividend.	No.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
76 11 10	155 0 0	—	155 0 0	—	2	73	—	24	—	75	—	12	155	1
119 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	10	—	121	—	40	—	110	9	—	205	2
200 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	40	—	45	—	45	—	210	—	10	205	3
119 0 0	155 0 0	—	155 0 0	7	—	50	—	12	—	177	—	72	205	4
119 2 0	155 0 0	—	155 0 0	—	4	25	—	—	15	177	—	72	205	5
120 8 5	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	13	—	93	—	24	—	128	—	22	205	6
114 17 0	170 0 0	—	170 0 0	32	—	52	—	25	—	105	—	—	205	7
119 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	9	—	92	—	10	—	127	—	22	205	8
130 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	20	—	77	—	35	—	114	—	9	205	9
117 19 3	1635 0 0	—	1635 0 0	131	6	628	—	215	15	1223	9	219	1795	
210 0 0	200 0 0	65 0 0	265 0 0	55	—	57	—	67	—	220	—	10	205	10
78 11 4	128 0 0	26 0 0	154 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	155	—	—	205	11
62 10 0	100 0 0	71 11 4	171 11 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	210	—	—	205	12
77 10 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	22	—	60	—	37	—	210	—	32	205	13
229 15 6	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	75	—	50	—	249	—	210	20	—	205	14
188 15 0	188 15 0	—	188 15 0	—	—	48	—	123	—	210	—	21	205	15
60 10 6	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	5	—	75	—	36	—	220	—	60	205	16
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86 5 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	31	—	—	—	—	14	210	—	24	205	18
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25 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	65	—	150	—	175	—	250	—	25	205	21
05 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	52	—	45	—	106	—	210	—	5	205	22
10 0 0	200 0 0	55 0 0	255 0 0	55	—	5	—	15	—	210	—	—	205	23
50 0 0	50 0 0	—	259 11 6	--	—	—	—	—	—	230	—	—	205	24
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—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26
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71 10 2	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	23	—	82	—	68	—	155	3	—	205	30
75 10 0	155 0 0	—	155 0 0	6	—	36	—	—	1	60	1	—	155	31
15 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	5	—	85	—	25	—	155	—	50	205	32
10 0 0	200 0 0	57 0 0	257 0 0	50	—	91	—	101	—	210	—	—	205	33
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No.	Congregations.	No. of Members	Names on S. Fund Books as Actual Contributors.	Per cent. on Membership.	Collectors.	Amount from Sustentation Fund Association. £ s. d.	Amount from Ordinary Revenue. £ s. d.	Total Paid into Sustentation Fund by Congregation. £ s. d.	Lady Hewley Grant and £
	Brought forward ...		—		—				
38	Hull, Holderness Road ...	413	150	36	14	*b* —	—	—	—
39	,, *Prospect Street ...	476	—	—	—	22 10 0	—	22 10 0	20
40	Middlesborough, Trinity ...	126	52	41	6	*b* —	—	—	—
41	Stockton, St. George's ...	175	—	—	—	*b* —	—	—	—
42	Whitby, Trinity Church ...	76	88	116	4	*b* —	—	—	—
43	York	90	—	—	—	*b* —	—	—	—
						128 8 7	104 1 5	232 10 0	20
	Liverpool Presbytery.								
44	Birkenhead, Hamilton ...	150	99	66	6	67 12 3	139 17 9	207 10 0	—
45	,, St. Andrew's ...	530	224	42	12	231 2 8	—	231 2 8	—
46	Chester	128	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
47	Douglas	163	—	—	—	—	—	205 0 0	—
48	Liverpool, *Canning Street ...	560	—	—	—	253 7 2	—	253 7 2	20
49	,, Everton Valley ...	650	152	23	7	72 14 0	177 6 0	250 0 0	—
50	,, Fairfield	255	—	—	—	250 0 0	—	250 0 0	—
51	,, Hyslop Street ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
52	,, *Islington ...	634	—	—	—	31 18 3	—	31 18 3	20
53	,, Shaw Street ...	103	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
54	,, St. George's ...	164	120	73	E	100 3 0	99 17 0	200 0 0	—
55	,, St. Peter's ...	619	197	32	17	94 12 10	110 7 2	205 0 0	—
56	,, Trinity	178	—	—	—	—	—	250 0 0	—
57	,, Vauxhall Road ..	97	80	82	6	68 3 3	42 0 9	110 4 0	—
58	,, Waterloo ...	57	40	70	3	62 1 6	142 18 6	205 0 0	—
59	Parkgate	81	30	37	7	88 10 0	80 19 0	169 9 0	—
60	Rockferry	187	40	21	E	278 3 0	—	278 3 0	—
61	St. Helen's	100	—	—	—	—	—	205 0 0	—
62	Southport	103	110	107	12	126 13 0	83 7 0	210 0 0	—
						1725 0 11	876 13 2	3261 14 1	40
	London Presbytery.								
63	*Alderney*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
64	Aston Tirrold...	52	40	77	4	76 9 4	28 10 8	105 0 0	—
65	Bournemouth	120	98	82	7	138 6 0	71 14 0	210 0 0	—
66	Brighton, Queen's Road ...	284	129	45	E	57 3 2	200 0 0	257 3 2	—
67	*Canterbury*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
68	Chatham	58	82	141	4	52 17 7	52 2 5	105 0 0	—
69	Gravesend	131	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
70	Guernsey	47	—	—	—	52 7 6	17 12 6	70 0 0	—
71	*Holybourne*	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
72	Ipswich	122	53	43	2	—	—	130 0 0	—
73	Jersey	167	68	41	5	75 3 6	139 16 6	215 0 0	—
74	Lewes	71	44	62	6	29 4 7	128 5 5	157 10 0	—
75	London, Belgravia	276	161	58	11	149 3 3	85 16 9	235 0 0	—
76	,, Bermondsey ..	110	45	41	4	*b* —	—	—	—
77	,, *Brockley*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
78	,, Camberwell .	218	—	—	—	—	—	210 0 0	—
79	,, Camden Road ...	—	—	—	—	221 0 0	—	221 0 0	—
80	,, Canonbury	—	—	—	—	*c* 17 8 6	—	17 8 6	—
81	,, Clapton	137	44	33	7	*c* 85 0 0	65 0 0	150 0 0	—
	Carried forward								

FUND—*continued.*

Total Available for Dividend.	Dividend Paid.	Supplement. from Congregation.	Total Stipend.	Difference in Amount Remitted 1876 as against 1785.		Amount of Stipend 1876 as against 1871.		Stipend Money raised 1876 as against 1871.		Amount Rated.	Remitted		Proposed Dividend.	No.
				Incr.	Decr. 1876.	Incr.	Decr. 1876	Incr.	Decr. 1876.		More	Less		
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
—	—	—	280 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38
22 10 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	39
—	—	—	250 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40
—	—	—	250 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41
—	—	—	300 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42
—	—	—	400 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	43
32 10 0	400 0 0	100 0 0	2425 0 0	57	—	112	—	122	—	210	—	—	205	
07 10 0	200 0 0	5 0 0	205 0 0	52	—	5	—	12	—	210	—	2	205	44
31 2 8	200 0 0	378 12 6	578 12 6	31	—	53	—	84	—	270	—	39	205	45
—	—	—	250 0 0	—	—	25	—	25	—	—	—	—	—	46
05 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	50	—	—	—	5	—	210	—	5	205	47
53 7 2	200 0 0	—	700 0 0	—	15	100	—	353	—	350	—	97	—	48
50 0 0	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0	60	—	50	—	100	—	300	—	50	205	49
50 0 0	200 0 0	342 0 0	542 0 0	50	—	42	—	92	—	300	—	50	205	50
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	51
31 18 3	200 0 0	350 0 0	550 0 0	—	28	—	—	32	—	100	—	68	—	52
—	—	—	200 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	210	—	—	205	53
00 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	45	—	—	—	—	—	215	—	15	205	54
05 0 0	200 0 0	205 0 0	405 0 0	50	—	105	—	110	—	250	—	45	205	55
50 0 0	200 0 0	205 0 0	405 0 0	95	—	105	—	155	—	250	—	—	205	56
10 4 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	17	—	50	—	60	—	110	—	—	205	57
05 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	50	—	—	—	—	—	215	—	10	205	58
09 9 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	36	—	50	—	19	—	155	14	—	205	59
78 3 0	200 0 0	322 7 0	522 7 0	—	10	53	—	131	—	330	—	52	205	60
05 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	50	—	—	—	5	—	210	—	5	205	61
00 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	—	—	255	—	310	—	230	—	20	205	62
31 14 1	3200 0 0	2557 19 6	6707 19 6	586	53	943	—	1493	—	3915	14	458	3075	
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05 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	105	—	—	205	64
0 0 0	200 0 0	182 0 0	382 0 0	50	—	—	—	—	—	210	—	—	205	65
7 3 2	200 0 0	305 0 0	505 0 0	68	—	185	—	242	—	260	—	3	205	66
—	—	—	81 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	67
5 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	25	—	147	—	52	—	105	—	—	205	68
—	—	—	400 0 0	—	—	150	—	150	—	—	—	—	—	69
0 0 0	155 0 0	—	155 0 0	—	—	74	—	13	—	80	—	10	155	70
—	—	—	62 15 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	71
0 0 0	155 0 0	—	155 0 0	—	26	—	95	—	22	210	—	80	205	72
5 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	60	—	—	—	15	—	220	—	5	205	73
7 10 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	7	—	50	—	7	—	155	2	—	205	74
5 0 0	200 0 0	405 0 0	605 0 0	60	—	105	—	140	—	300	—	65	205	75
—	—	—	400 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	76
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	77
0 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	50	—	—	—	200	—	220	—	10	205	78
1 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	61	—	100	—	121	—	250	—	29	205	79
7 8 6	17 8 6	—	300 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	210	—	—	205	80
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No.	Congregations.	No. of Members.	Names on S. Fund Books as Actual Contributors.	Per cent. on Membership.	Collectors.	Amount from Sustentation Fund Association. £ s. d.	Amount from Ordinary Revenue. £ s. d.	Total Paid into Sustentation Fund by Congregation. £ s. d.	Lady Hewley Grant and other Sources. £
	Brought forward ...		—	—	—				
82	London, Croydon	—	79	—	E	240 0 0	—	240 0 0	—
83	,, Crouch Hill ...	69	—	—	—	*b* —	—	—	—
84	,, Ealing	81	30	37	2	63 14 9	146 5 3	210 0 0	—
85	,, East India Road ...	110	—	—	—	—	—	155 0 0	—
86	,, Goldington Crescent	424	—	—	—	*b* —	—	—	—
87	,, Greenwich	223	—	—	—	173 12 9	150 0 0	323 12 9	—
88	,, Hampstead	219	—	—	—	—	—	411 0 0	—
89	,, Islington	480	477	99	E	170 0 0	145 0 0	315 0 0	—
90	,, Kensington	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
91	,, Kentish Town ...	121	49	40	12	25 11 8	55 13 4	81 5 0	—
92	,, Kingston-on-Thames	57	71	124	5	*b* 40 15 6	—	40 15 6	—
93	,, Marylebone... ...	860	307	36	E	504 17 9	—	504 17 9	—
94	,, Millwall	121	—	—	—	—	—	102 10 0	—
95	,, Notting Hill ...	382	30	8	E	109 5 0	140 15 0	250 0 0	—
96	,, Regent Square ...	684	230	33	E	483 8 6	—	483 8 6	—
97	,, *St John's Wood ...	408	161	39	10	287 11 0	—	287 11 0	200
98	,, South Kensington ...	237	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
99	,, Southwark	187	79	42	8	42 13 9	67 6 3	110 0 0	—
100	,, Stepney	265	113	43	10	115 15 6	104 4 6	220 0 0	—
101	,, Streatham	50	—	—	—	*b* —	—	—	—
102	,, Tottenham	111	79	71	4	145 9 2	66 10 10	212 0 0	—
103	,, Upper Norwood ...	120	97	81	4	189 8 6	20 11 6	210 0 0	—
104	,, Victoria Docks ...	83	—	—	4	*b* —	—	—	—
105	,, Wandsworth ...	169	—	—	—	*b* —	—	—	—
106	,, Whitfield	230	120	52	15	*c* 90 0 0	—	90 0 0	—
107	,, Willesden	101	—	—	—	*b* —	—	—	—
108	,, Wood Green ...	—	—	—	—	*b* —	—	7 11 6	—
109	,, Woolwich, New Road	200	49	24	5	55 2 9	79 12 4	134 15 1	—
110	Maidstone	60	20	33	2	*c* 18 15 0	7 10 0	26 5 0	—
111	Norwich	213	93	43	12	—	—	211 1 5	—
112	Portsmouth	207	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
113	Reading	96	—	—	—	*o* —	—	—	—
114	Southampton	370	—	—	—	70 0 0	135 0 0	205 0 0	—
115	Totton	55	40	73	6	*b* —	—	—	—
116	Woolston	92	46	50	5	*b* 65 1 6	—	65 1 6	—
						3845 6 6	1907 7 3	6979 16 8	200
	Manchester Presbytery.								
117	Bolton	232	77	33	11	53 8 1	151 11 11	205 0 0	—
118	Crewe	69	25	36	E	27 1 0	77 19 0	105 0 0	14
119	Leeds, St. Columba	101	91	90	8	39 13 8	100 6 4	140 0 0	—
120	Manchester, Ancoats ...	138	55	40	6	97 8 9	53 16 3	151 5 0	48
121	,, Bowdon	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
122	,, *Eccles*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
123	,, Grosvenor Square	403	—	—	—	—	—	313 10 0	—
124	,, *Higher Broughton	—	—	—	—	*b* 26 15 9	—	26 15 9	200
125	,, Longsight ..	132	73	55	E	115 2 0	94 18 0	210 0 0	—
126	,, Sale	93	41	44	E	202 0 0	19 0 0	221 0 0	—
127	,, Salford	196	83	42	9	49 7 3	150 12 9	200 0 0	—
128	,, St. Andrew's ...	369	130	35	E	69 15 0	175 5 0	245 0 0	—
129	,, Trinity	303	—	—	—	—	—	276 15 0	—
	Carried forward ...								

FUND—*continued.*

Total available for Dividend.	Dividend Paid.	Supplement from Congregation.	Total Stipend.	Difference in Amount Remitted 1876 as against 1875. Incr.	Decr.	Amount of Stipend 1876 as against 1871. Incr.	Decr.	Stipend Money raised 1876 as against 1871. Incr.	Decr.	Amount Rated.	Remitted. More	Remitted. Less	Proposed Dividend.	No.
				1876.		1876.		1876.						
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
0 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	65	—	100	—	328	—	260	—	20	205	82
—	—	—	400 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	83
0 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	210	—	—	205	84
5 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	—	—	50	—	5	—	175	—	20	205	85
—	—	—	225 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	86
3 12 9	200 0 0	380 0 0	580 0 0	—	25	—	70	—	38	410	—	86	205	87
1 0 0	200 0 0	350 0 0	500 0 0	73	—	50	—	261	—	410	1	—	205	88
5 0 0	200 0 0	510 0 0	710 0 0	15	—	160	—	275	—	375	—	60	205	89
—	—	—	600 0 0	—	—	400	—	—	—	210	—	—	205	90
1 5 0	150 0 0	—	150 0 0	—	—	50	—	—	—	115	—	—	205	91
0 15 6	40 15 6	184 4 6	225 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	92
4 17 9	200 0 0	850 0 0	1050 0 0	25	—	50	—	355	—	650	—	145	205	93
2 10 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	—	—	100	—	2	—	105	—	2	205	94
0 0 0	200 0 0	805 0 0	1005 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	550	—	300	205	95
3 8 6	200 0 0	850 0 0	1050 0 0	66	—	50	—	483	—	550	—	67	205	96
7 11 0	200 0 0	910 0 0	1110 0 0	117	—	555	—	843	—	350	—	62	—	97
—	—	—	800 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	98
0 0 0	155 0 0	—	155 0 0	10	—	55	—	10	—	110	—	—	155	99
0 0 0	200 0 0	215 10 0	415 10 0	60	—	115	—	135	—	240	—	20	205	100
—	—	—	400 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	101
2 0 0	200 0 0	79 7 10	279 7 10	51	—	104	—	116	—	220	—	8	205	102
0 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	55	—	—	—	—	—	210	—	—	205	103
—	—	—	200 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	210	—	—	205	104
—	—	—	500 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	105
0 0 0	150 0 0	—	200 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	120	—	—	205	106
—	—	—	350 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	107
7 11 6	7 11 6	—	400 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	108
34 15 1	126 18 6	129 10 11	256 9 5	—	18	2	—	10	—	250	—	—	205	109
26 5 0	50 0 0	—	200 0 0	—	—	105	—	40	—	105	—	—	205	110
11 1 5	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	59	—	38	—	49	—	220	—	9	205	111
—	—	—	300 0 0	—	—	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	112
—	—	—	300 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	113
65 0 0	200 0 0	125 0 0	325 0 0	45	—	25	—	30	—	260	—	55	205	114
—	—	—	90 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	105	—	—	205	115
65 1 6	65 1 6	234 18 6	300 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	116
779 16 8	6222 15 6	8001 1 9	20159 12 3	1022	69	2882	165	3882	60	8965	3	1076	7280	
105 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	50	—	150	—	145	—	210	—	5	205	117
19 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	18	—	77	—	—	18	105	—	—	205	118
40 0 0	155 0 0	—	155 0 0	35	—	—	49	—	64	210	—	70	205	119
00 0 0	200 0 0	59 14 0	259 14 0	—	4	—	65	—	—	210	—	10	205	120
—	—	—	350 0 0	—	—	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	121
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	122
13 10 0	200 0 0	450 0 0	650 0 0	41	—	100	—	213	—	400	—	86	205	123
26 15 9	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	124
10 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	50	—	—	—	—	—	220	—	10	205	125
21 0 0	200 0 0	250 0 0	450 0 0	61	—	—	—	—	—	250	—	29	205	126
00 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	—	—	268	—	218	—	220	—	20	205	127
15 0 0	200 0 0	205 0 0	405 0 0	56	—	31	—	76	—	260	—	15	205	128
76 15 0	200 0 0	320 0 0	520 0 0	52	—	70	—	147	—	260	17	—	205	129

No.	Congregations.	No. of Members.	Names on S. Fund Books as Actual Contributors.	Per cent. on Membership.	Collectors.	Amount from Sustentation Fund Association.	Amount from Ordinary Revenue.	Total Paid into Sustentation Fund by Congregation.	Ladv Hewley
						£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	Brought forward ...								
130	Manchester, *Whalley Range*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
131	,, Withington ...	174	—	—	—	43 13 6	189 8 6	233 2 0	
132	Preston	—	—	—	—	*b* —	—	—	
133	Ramsbottom	160	70	44	15	33 16 7	171 3 5	205 0 0	
134	Risley	—	—	—	—	—	—	78 0 2	
135	Sheffield	130	—	—	—	—	—	200 0 0	
136	Stalybridge	36	25	69	4	31 8 6	46 1 6	77 10 0	
137	Warrington	27	18	66	E	18 16 0	52 0 8	70 16 8	
138	Wharton	61	—	—	—	—	—	105 0 0	
139	Wigan	154	—	—	—	—	—	208 0 0	
						808 6 1	1282 3 4	3271 14 7	2
	Newcastle Presbytery.								
140	*Blyth, Waterloo Road ...	116	—	—	—	—	—	3 3 0	2
141	Falstone	172	—	—	15	14 11 4	116 10 7	131 1 11	
142	Gateshead, Ellison Street ..	246	69	28	9	50 1 2	159 18 10	210 0 0	
143	Hebburn	114	128	112	6	31 3 6	56 16 6	88 0 0	
144	Jarrow, Weir Street	—	—	—	—	*b* —	—	—	
145	Killingworth	112	17	15	7	—	—	105 0 0	
146	Newcastle, *Byker*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
147	,, John Knox ...	504	106	21	11	52 7 2	200 0 0	252 7 2	
148	,, Park Road ...	114	—	—	—	*b* —	—	—	
149	,, Trinity	360	—	—	—	—	—	247 17 6	
150	North Shields, Howard Street	360	257	71	9	76 7 10	153 12 2	230 0 0	
151	Seaton Burn	156	—	—	—	*b* —	—	—	
152	Seaton Delaval	163	59	36	5	33 8 6	101 17 10	135 6 4	
153	*South Shields, Laygate ...	324	—	—	—	80 10 5	—	80 10 5	2
154	,, St. John's ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
155	Sunderland, North Bridge St.	240	101	42	9	74 1 8	140 0 0	214 1 8	
156	,, St.. George's ...	445	95	21	16	39 6 8	200 0 0	239 6 8	
157	Wark	68	62	91	E	11 10 0	55 0 0	66 10 0	
						463 8 3	1183 15 11	2003 4 8	4
	Northumberland Presbytery.								
158	Alnwick, St. James'	307	71	23	8	27 14 7	160 19 8	188 14 3	
159	Bavington	95	66	69	E	26 7 6	78 12 6	105 0 0	
160	Birdhopecraig	120	95	79	10	23 11 10	92 7 8	115 19 6	
161	Branton	275	107	61	11	*c* 6 1 8	32 13 4	38 15 0	
162	Felton	49	58	118	8	16 4 9	93 17 0	110 1 9	
163	Glanton	298	142	48	14	*c* 9 0 0	30 0 0	39 0 0	
164	Harbottle	223	112	50	8	17 10 3	112 14 0	130 4 3	
165	Longframlington	72	77	107	5	30 5 8	29 14 4	60 0 0	
166	Morpeth	259	107	41	17	52 0 5	162 19 7	215 0 0	
167	Newbiggin	72	49	68	E	21 0 0	83 15 0	104 15 0	
168	North Sunderland, East Church	90	50	56	2	18 15 10	31 9 6	50 5 4	
169	Thropton	142	65	46	5	19 7 6	87 19 6	107 7 0	
170	Warenford	203	131	65	13	20 18 10	97 7 11	118 6 9	
171	Widdrington	170	50	29	6	6 9 1	98 10 11	105 0 0	
172	Wooler, West Church ...	196	80	41	8	25 19 3	114 9 3	140 8 6	
						321 7 2	1307 10 2	1628 17 4	1

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Total ailable for vidend.		Dividend Paid.		Supplement from Congregation.		Total Stipend		Difference in Amount Remitted 1876 as against 1875. Incr. | Decr. 1876.		Amount of Stipend 1876 as against 1871. Incr. | Decr. 1876.		Stipend Money raised 1876. as against 1871. Incr. | Decr. 1876.		Amount Rated.	Remitted. More | Less		Proposed Dividend.	No.
s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
—		—		—		—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	130
3	0	200	0 0	205	0 0	405	0 0	40	—	55	—	88	—	260	—	27	205	131
—		11	11 3	—		11	11 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	132
5	0 0	200	0 0	20	0 0	220	0 0	50	—	50	—	105	—	210	—	5	205	133
2	0 2	155	0 0	—		155	0 0	1	—	50	—	5	—	80	—	2	155	134
0	0 0	200	0 0	5	0 0	205	0 0	45	—	—	1	—	1	220	—	20	205	135
7	10 0	142	12 0	—		142	12 0	—	—	—	—	1	—	105	—	—	205	136
0	16 8	138	18 6	—		138	18 6	13	—	14	—	—	41	105	—	—	205	137
0	0 0	200	0 0	—		200	0 0	10	—	45	—	60	—	105	—	—	205	138
3	0 0	200	0 0	14	0 0	214	0 0	50	—	87	—	116	—	215	—	7	205	139
2	9 7	3603	1 9	1928	14 0	5881	15 9	578	4	1047	115	1174	124	3645	17	306	3640	
3	3 0	200	0 0	—		200	0 0	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	140
5	1 11	200	0 0	—		200	0 0	34	—	93	—	26	—	146	—	15	205	141
0	0 0	200	0 0	35	0 0	235	0 0	52	—	35	—	45	—	210	—	—	205	142
8	0 0	133	2 4	—		133	2 4	7	—	—	—	—	—	155	—	—	205	143
—		—		—		—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	144
9	0 0	200	0 0	—		200	0 0	26	—	—	—	—	—	105	—	—	205	145
—		—		—		—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	146
2	7 2	200	0 0	200	0 0	400	0 0	74	—	100	—	152	—	250	2	—	205	147
—		—		—		200	0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	148
7	17 6	200	0 0	400	0 0	600	0 0	123	—	200	—	248	—	310	—	62	205	149
0	0 0	200	0 0	150	0 0	350	0 0	60	—	50	—	80	—	240	—	10	205	150
—		—		—		150	0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	151
9	6 4	200	0 0	—		200	0 0	13	—	97	—	55	—	155	—	20	205	152
0	10 5	200	0 0	173	0 0	373	0 0	4	—	73	—	153	—	76	5	—	—	153
—		—		—		—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	154
4	1 8	200	0 0	100	0 0	300	0 0	55	—	75	—	89	—	220	—	6	205	155
9	6 8	200	0 0	200	0 0	400	0 0	73	—	100	—	139	—	250	—	11	205	156
0	10 0	155	0 0	—		155	0 0	2	—	51	—	15	—	66	—	—	155	157
9	4 8	2488	2 4	1258	0 0	4096	2 4	523	—	874	—	1015	—	2183	7	124	2205	
8	14 3	200	0 0	—		200	0 0	26	—	65	—	54	—	210	—	21	205	158
9	0 0	200	0 0	—		200	0 0	9	—	70	—	7	—	105	—	—	205	159
9	19 6	200	0 0	—		200	0 0	7	—	70	—	—	4	120	—	4	205	160
8	15 0	50	0 0	—		155	0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	155	—	—	205	161
4	1 9	200	0 0	—		200	0 0	20	—	95	—	19	—	110	—	—	205	162
9	0 0	50	0 0	—		155	0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	155	—	—	205	163
4	4 3	200	0 0	—		200	0 0	14	—	90	—	33	—	155	—	25	205	164
5	0 0	155	0 0	—		155	0 0	5	—	42	—	10	—	60	—	—	155	165
5	0 0	200	0 0	10	0 0	210	0 0	45	—	—	—	15	—	225	—	10	205	166
8	15 0	200	0 0	—		200	0 0	43	—	67	—	15	—	105	—	—	205	167
4	5 4	155	0 0	—		155	0 0	—	4	41	—	—	16	60	—	10	155	168
2	7 0	200	0 0	—		200	0 0	11	—	87	—	22	—	120	—	13	205	169
8	6 9	200	0 0	—		200	0 0	11	—	77	—	3	—	125	—	7	205	170
9	0 0	200	0 0	—		200	0 0	21	—	97	—	35	—	125	—	20	205	171
0	8 6	200	0 0	—		200	0 0	10	—	75	—	15	—	155	—	15	205	172
6	17 4	2610	0 0	10	0 0	2830	0 0	222	4	876	—	228	20	1985	—	125	2975	

TABLE SHOWING SUMMAI

No.	Presbyteries.	Amount from Sustentation Fund Association.			Amount from Ordinary Revenue.			Total Paid into Sustentation Fund by Congregation.			Lady Hewley Grant and other Sources.			Total Availabl for Dividend	
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.
1	Berwick	147	13	1	760	9	2	1012	19	3	105	0	0	1117	19
2	Birmingham	428	4	4	728	3	0	1333	17	4	—			1333	17
3	Bristol	402	4	11	327	15	1	1325	0	0	—			1325	0
4	Carlisle	276	18	5	634	12	9	1016	11	2	66	0	0	1082	11
5	Darlington	128	8	7	104	1	5	232	10	0	200	0	0	432	10
6	Liverpool	1725	0	11	876	13	2	3261	14	1	400	0	0	3661	14
7	London	3845	6	6	1907	7	3	6979	16	8	200	0	0	7179	16
8	Manchester	808	6	1	1282	3	4	3271	14	7	290	15	0	3562	9
9	Newcastle	463	8	3	1183	15	11	2003	4	8	456	0	0	2459	4
10	Northumberland	321	7	2	1307	10	2	1628	17	4	128	0	0	1756	17
		8546	18	3	9112	11	3	22066	5	1	*a*1845	15	0	*a*23912	0

* Third class congregations.
(*a*) These amounts include the dividends to third class congrega
(*b*) Church Extension charges.
(*c*) For part of the year only.

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Dividend Paid.			Supplement from Congregation.			Total Stipend.			Difference in Amount Remitted 1876 as against 1875.		Amount of Stipend 1876 as against 1871.		Stipend Money raised 1876 as against 1871.		Amount Rated.	Remitted.		Proposed Dividend.	No.
									Incr.	Decr.	Incr.	Decr.	Incr.	Decr.		More	Less		
									1876		1876.		1876.						
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
1635	0	0	—			1635	0	0	131	6	628	—	215	15	1223	9	219	1795	1
1416	15	0	262	11	4	1679	6	4	188	—	290	—	512	14	1645	20	147	1640	2
1250	0	0	555	0	0	2014	11	6	329	—	272	—	503	—	1525	10	30	1435	3
1454	3	2	57	0	0	1511	3	2	166	8	516	—	277	1	1155	5	143	1590	4
400	0	0	100	0	0	2425	0	0	57	—	112	—	122	—	210	—	—	205	5
3200	0	0	2557	19	6	6707	19	6	586	53	943	—	1493	—	3915	14	458	3075	6
6222	15	6	8001	1	9	20159	12	3	1022	69	2882	165	3882	60	8965	3	1076	7280	7
3603	1	9	1928	14	0	5881	15	9	578	4	1047	115	474	124	3645	17	306	3640	8
2488	2	4	1258	0	0	4096	2	4	523	—	874	—	1015	—	2183	7	124	2205	9
2610	0	0	10	0	0	2830	0	0	222	4	876	—	228	20	1985	—	125	2975	10
24279	17	9	14730	16	7	48940	10	10	3802	143	8440	280	8721	234	26451	85	2628	25840	

ıd Hewley Grants which are credited to the respective congregations, but are not remitted to the Fund.

JOHN M. ROSS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE UNION THANKSGIVING FUND COMMITTEE,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1877.

It will be remembered that at the first meeting of the Union Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, in the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, an elder of the Church offered the sum of £25,000 as an expression of his own gratitude to Almighty God for the Union then consummated, in the hope that it might lead to the formation of a Thanksgiving Fund of such proportions as might both worthily give expression to the Church's thankfulness for the blessing bestowed, and aid her in entering boldly and successfully on the new and enlarged fields of usefulness to which the Union seemed clearly to point. This was followed by the announcement of the gift, by another esteemed elder, of £12,500, prompted by the same motive, but for the special purpose of endowing a third Chair of Theology in the College in London, and of other sums of smaller amount.

It was then resolved:—

> "That in order to afford to all members and friends of this Church an opportunity of acknowledging the Divine goodness in the completion of the said Union, the Synod resolves to initiate a fund as a memorial of this day's event, to be called "The Union Thanksgiving Fund," to be devoted to any or all of the following purposes, at the option of donors—namely, the assistance of congregations in the liquidation of debt; the stimulus of Church extension in England; the promotion of theological education; and the support of Foreign or Jewish Missions, under the direction of the Synod; and appoints a Committee, with instructions to take such steps as it may judge expedient for inviting individual or congregational contributions to the said fund."

Following upon this, a Conference was held, at which it was resolved to recommend the Synod:—

1. "That an Executive Committee of ten be appointed, with its headquarters in Liverpool, with directions to organise Local Committees in each Presbytery, to carry out the objects of the Thanksgiving Fund."
2. "That the sum to be aimed at be £250,000, with the option of extending the payment of contributions over five years."
3. "That opportunity be given to donors to designate the specific objects to which their donations may be given."

4. "That the following gentlemen be the Committee—Messrs. S. Stitt and T. Matheson, Joint-Conveners; R. Lockhart, A. Brown, S. Williamson, T. Holder, W. P. Sinclair (all of Liverpool); and Messrs. J. A. Beith, J. C. Stuart, and T. Hall (of Manchester)."

The Synod thereupon unanimously and heartily adopted the following resolution :—

"That the Synod approve of the suggestions of the Conference of Elders and others, held this day, and appoint an Executive Committee for organising and carrying out the objects of the Thanksgiving Fund, and instruct Presbyteries and Sessions to give their cordial aid to such arrangements as the Committee may propose for evoking the liberality of the Church at large."

The Committee thus appointed proceeded at once to organise Local Committees in each Presbytery, instructing them to take the steps they might consider best fitted to promote the success of the Fund in their several localities. In taking this course they were influenced by the consideration that congregations and individuals were more likely to be effectively reached by means of a network of organisations spread over the whole Church, than by the direct action of a Central Committee.

At an early stage it became apparent that advantage would be largely taken of the permission given by the Synod to designate the specific object to which subscriptions to the Fund should be applied. The Committee, while giving all possible encouragement and stimulus to liberality in this direction, sought to direct the attention of the Church to the importance of, at the same time, providing the Synod with a large General Fund, available for the four great purposes contemplated in the first resolution quoted above, the basis of which had been laid by Mr. Hedley in his unrestricted gift of £25,000.

A return of all contributions so far intimated is appended, amounting to a total of £108,306 17s. 3d.

It will be apparent that in some Presbyteries little has as yet been done, while many congregations throughout the Church have yet to make a beginning with the important duty of contributing to this Fund.

Of the above total, £56,987 9s. 1d. has thus far been specially designated, of which £40,319 6s. 7d. is for local objects—mainly Church Building and Debt Extinction. Of the remainder, £42,149 18s. 2d. has been given without restriction; while with regard to the remaining £9169 10s., it is uncertain how far the donors may exercise the right they still possess of designating their subscriptions to special objects.

The Committee feel warranted in estimating that about £10,000 will be at the disposal of the Synod during next Synodical year, to be used at its discretion in connection with the four great objects contemplated, viz.:—

1. Liquidation of Debt.
2. Church Extension.
3. Theological Education.
4. Foreign or Jewish Missions.

For the purpose of dealing with this matter the Committee venture to suggest the appointment of a Committee, carefully chosen, and of such

number and weight as shall give the Church and the donors to the Fund confidence in its administrations, so as to promote in the highest possible degree the welfare of the Church at large. At the same time they may be permitted to express their unanimous feeling that, while the claims of the College and of the Missionary enterprises of the Church are entitled to the fullest consideration, prominence should be given in the distribution of the Fund to *Debt Liquidation* and *Church Extension.*

They would suggest that the proposed Committee be desired to obtain accurate information of the total amount of debt on places of worship throughout the Church; and they believe that a sum of perhaps £5000 or £6000 per annum, wisely used as a stimulus to local exertions, might be made the means of wiping off a vast amount of pressing debt year by year, largely tending to strengthen and consolidate the Church as a whole, and setting her free in many quarters from what burdens her progress and usefulness.

With regard to *Church Extension,* in like manner they entertain no doubt that by means of sums of £3000 or £4000 yearly wisely distributed, many promising opportunities of planting new churches may be taken advantage of, the Fund being used in the way of wisely fostering such charges in the early stage of their existence, and encouraging the building of places of worship when they shall be ripe for such a step.

The Committee refrain from making any suggestion on the subject of *Theological Education* in connection with the administration of this Fund, as much will no doubt depend on the course the Church may be led to take under the present interesting and critical circumstances of the College Question; and with regard to *Missions,* they only venture or suggest that should any portion of the money available be given for this purpose, it should be for what may be termed capital, to meet outlay of a permanent character, rather than to supplement current expenditure.

In concluding their Report, the Committee regret that it should be of a somewhat incomplete and fragmentary character. This is, however, unavoidable, because the first year of the Fund's existence has not yet terminated; and many subscribers have not as yet paid their first instalments to the Treasurer, whose statement, appended hereto, therefore shows a very meagre amount actually in hand; while many have not as yet decided the purpose to which their contributions shall ultimately be devoted. Many congregations also have but imperfectly apprehended the real scope and importance of the Fund, while others have been unable as yet, from special causes, to give it any attention at all.

While, therefore, the measure of success achieved affords abundant ground both of thankfulness to Almighty God, and of encouragement to press forward with the Fund, the Committee venture to hope that the Synod will take occasion very warmly to urge its claims on the Ministers and Elders of the Church, and through them on all its members and adherents, so that during the coming year all who have not as yet responded may be constrained to bear a worthy part in raising it to the full importance aimed at in last Synod's resolutions. With this view the Committee are persuaded that nothing will be more fitted to stimulate the liberality of the Church at large than a wise decision of the Synod

with regard to the administration of the Fund, making it manifest to all that it realises the great idea of worthily commemorating the Union, by conferring on the United Church, in the great branches of her enterprise, a vastly increased power for doing the work marked out for her by her Divine Lord and Master.

SAMUEL STITT, THOS. MATHESON, } *Joint-Conveners.*

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UNION THANKSGIVING FUND.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Presbytery of Berwick :—						
Ancroft Moor		—				
Beaumont Union		—				
Belford, Columba		—				
,, Erskine		—				
Berwick, Bank Hill		—				
,, Church Street		—				
,, Wallace Green	50	0	0			
Chatton		—				
Crookham		—				
Etal		—				
Holy Island...		—				
Horncliffe		—				
Lowick		—				
Norham, North Church		—				
,, South Church		—				
Spittal		—				
Tweedmouth		—				
				50	0	0
Presbytery of Birmingham :—						
Birmingham, Broad Street	540	0	0			
,, Camphill	268	6	0			
,, New John Street		—				
,, Smethwick	20	0	0			
Burton-on-Trent		—				
Derby	200	0	0			
Dudley		—				
Hanley	20	0	0			
Leicester	325	0	0			
Nottingham	310	0	0			
Shrewsbury	300	0	0			
Stafford	25	0	0			
Wolverhampton	339	10	0			
Worcester		—				
Walsall	800	0	0			
				3147	16	0
Presbytery of Bristol :—						
Aberdare		—				
Bristol	100	0	0			
Cardiff	191	16	0			
Cheltenham...		—				
Gloucester	8	0	0			
Hereford		—				
Plymouth		—				
Swansea		—				
Torquay		—				
Wyastone Leys		—				
				299	16	0
Carried forward				£3497	12	0

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				3497	12	0
Presbytery of Carlisle:—						
Barrow-in-Furness		—				
Bewcastle		—				
Brampton		—				
Carlisle, Warwick Road		—				
,, Fisher Street	30	0	0			
Cleator Moor		—				
Great Salkeld		—				
Haltwhistle		—				
Maryport, John Street		—				
,, Crosby Street	5	0	0			
Penrith	50	0	0			
Penruddock		—				
Whitehaven, Market Place		—				
,, High Street		—				
Workington		—				
				85	0	0
Presbytery of Darlington:—						
Bishop Auckland	25,000	0	0			
Crook	10	0	0			
Darlington	725	0	0			
Mount Pleasant, Tudhoe...		—				
Grimsby		—				
Hartlepool		—				
Harrogate		—				
Hull, Holderness Road	500	0	0			
,, Prospect Street		—				
,, Springbank		—				
Middlesborough	200	0	0			
Redcar		—				
Stockton, St. George's	2400	0	0			
,, St. Andrew's		—				
Towlaw		—				
West Hartlepool		—				
Whitby, Trinity	270	0	0			
York...		—				
				29130	0	0
Presbytery of Liverpool:—						
Birkenhead, Claughton	2224	10	0			
,, Grange Road	395	19	0			
,, Hamilton	53	0	0			
,, St. Andrew's		—				
,, St. Paul's	189	0	0			
Chester		—				
Douglas, Isle of Man	105	9	7			
Egremont		—				
Liverpool, Canning Street	6421	12	6			
,, Derby Road		—				
,, Everton Valley	233	11	0			
,, Fairfield	1572	13	0			
,, Hyslop Street		—				
,, Islington	1000	0	0			
,, Mount Pleasant	3670	0	0			
,, Prince's Park Road		—				
,, Queen's Road	510	0	0			
,, Shaw Street	5	0	0			
,, St. George's		—				
,, St. Peter's	96	17	0			
,, Trinity	105	0	0			
,, Vauxhall Road		—				
Parkgate	5	0	0			
Ramsay		—				
Rock Ferry...	2800	0	0			
Southport		—				
Carried forward...	£19387	12	0	£32712	12	0

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
PRESBYTERY OF LIVERPOOL—(*continued.*)						
Brought forward	19387	12	0	32712	12	0
St. Helen's	50	0	0			
Sutton		—				
Waterloo		—				
General	260	0	0			
				19697	12	1
Presbytery of London:—						
Alderney		—				
Aldershot	400	0	0			
Aston Tirrold	10	0	0			
Bournemouth	925	0	0			
Brighton, Trinity...		—				
,, Queen's Road		—				
Canterbury		—				
Chatham		—				
Croydon		—				
Demerara		—				
Gravesend		—				
Guernsey		—				
Holybourne		—				
Ipswich		—				
Jersey		—				
Lewes		—				
London, Belgrave	50	0	0			
,, Bermondsey		—				
,, Bow Road		—				
,, Brockley		—				
,, Camberwell	740	0	0			
,, Camden Road	710	0	0			
,, Canonbury		—				
,, Clapham Road	1454	9	0			
,, Clapton	270	15	0			
,, Crouch Hill	1000	0	0			
,, Ealing		—				
,, East India Road		—				
,, Forest Hill	1275	0	0			
,, Goldington Crescent		—				
,, Greenwich		—				
,, Hammersmith	500	0	0			
,, Hampstead	3049	14	6			
,, Highbury	613	5	0			
,, Islington	1735	3	6			
,, Kensington		—				
,, Kingston-on-Thames	110	0	0			
,, Marylebone		—				
,, Millwall		—				
,, New Barnet		—				
,, Notting Hill	220	0	0			
,, Old St. Pancras		—				
,, Regent Square	2619	5	0			
,, St. John's Wood	3563	18	0			
,, South Kensington	25	0	0			
,, Southwark		—				
,, Stepney		—				
,, Stratford		—				
,, Streatham	451	0	0			
,, Tottenham	144	7	6			
,, Upper Norwood...		—				
,, Victoria Docks	85	0	0			
,, Wandsworth		—				
,, Westbourne Grove	4050	0	0			
,, Whitfield		—				
,, Willesden	1000	0	0			
,, Wood Green		—				
Carried forward	£25001	17	6	£52410	4	11

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Presbytery of London—(*continued.*)						
Brought forward	25021	17	6	52410	4	0
London, Woolwich, St. Andrew's		—				
,, ,, New Road		—				
Maidstone		—				
Norwich		—				
Portsmouth	128	0	0			
Reading		—				
Singapore		—				
Silverhill, Hastings		—				
Southampton, St. Andrew's	43	3	6			
,, Totton		—				
,, Woolston		—				
Withyham		—				
General	5	0	0			
				25178	1	0
Presbytery of Manchester :—						
Blackburn, Mount Street	9	14	6			
,, St. George		—				
Bolton	125	0	6			
Bradford	7	4	2			
Crewe		—				
Leeds, Hanover Square		—				
,, St. Columba	5	0	0			
Manchester, Ancoats	120	0	0			
,, Bowdon	464	11	0			
,, Brunswick Street	360	10	0			
,, Coupland Street		—				
,, Grosvenor Square	750	0	0			
,, Higher Broughton	1000	0	0			
,, Longsight		—				
,, Pendleton	50	0	0			
,, Sale	3065	7	0			
,, Salford		—				
,, St. Andrew's	440	15	0			
,, Trinity	505	0	0			
,, Withington	328	0	0			
Ramsbottom		—				
Risley		—				
Rochdale		—				
Sheffield		—				
Stalybridge		—				
Tunley		—				
Warrington		—				
Wharton		—				
Wigan	1135	0	0			
General	300	0	0			
				8666	1	8
Presbytery of Newcastle-on-Tyne :—						
Bellingham...		—				
Blackhill		—				
Blyth, Bridge Street		—				
,, Waterloo Road		—				
Durham		—				
Falstone	250	0	0			
Gateshead, Durham Road...		—				
,, Ellison Street...		—				
Hebburn		—				
Hexham	927	10	0			
Houghton-le-Spring		—				
Jarrow		—				
,, ...		—				
Killingworth		—				
Newcastle, Barras Bridge	300	0	0			
,, Blackett Street	836	0	0			
,, Byker...		—				
Carried forward	£2313	10	0	£86254	6	9

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—(*continued.*)						
Brought forward	2313	10	0	86254	6	9
Newcastle, Erskine Church		—				
,, John Knox	382	19	0			
,, Park Road		—				
,, St. George's		—				
,, Trinity	1352	3	0			
,, Westmoreland Road	350	0	0			
North Shields, Howard Street		—				
,, Northumberland Square... ...	25	0	0			
Seaton Burn		—				
Seaton Delaval		—				
South Shields, East Street	50	0	0			
,, Laygate	2500	0	0			
,, Mile End Road		—				
,, St. John's	837	16	6			
Stamfordham	27	0	0			
Sunderland, Bethany		—				
,, North Bridge Street	153	0	6			
,, St. George's	184	9	0			
,, St. Stephen's		—				
,, Smyrna	55	6	0			
,, Trinity		—				
Swalwell		—				
Walker	179	0	0			
Wallsend	750	0	0			
Wark	45	0	0			
Wellington Quay		—				
Presbytery's Scholarship Fund	137	3	0			
				9342	7	0
Presbytery of Northumberland :—						
Alnwick, Clayport Street...		—				
,, Lisburn Street		—				
,, St. James's	10	10	0			
Bavington		—				
Bedlington		—				
Birdhopecraig		—				
Branton	26	0	0			
Embleton		—				
Felton		—				
Glanton		—				
Harbottle		—				
Longframlington		—				
Morpeth	146	12	6			
Newbiggen...		—				
North Middleton		—				
North Sunderland, West Church		—				
,, ,, East ,, ...		—				
Otterburn		—				
Thropton		—				
Warenford...		—				
Warkworth		—				
Widdrington		—				
Wooler, Cheviot Street		—				
,, Tower Hill		—				
,, West Chapel		—				
				183	2	6
GENERAL—						
Robert Barbour, Esq., Bolesworth	12500	0	0			
Rev. J. Barclay, Formosa	10	0	0			
Dr. Lawrie, Appin	10	0	0			
Rev. Peter Mearns, Coldstream	1	1	0			
Thomas Thomson	5	0	0			
Rev. George Wilson, Glenluce	1	0	0			
				12527	1	0
				£108306	17	3

RECAPITULATION.

Presbytery.	Right Reserved to Allocate.	General Fund.	Schemes Adopted by Synod. 1. Debt Liquidation.	2. Church Extension.	3. Theological Education.	4. Foreign Missions.	5. Jewish Mission.	Local Purposes.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Berwick	—	50 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	50 0 0
Birmingham ...	339 10 0	190 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	2618 6 0	3147 16 0
Bristol	65 0 0	35 0 0	—	—	5 0 0	10 0 0	—	184 16 0	299 16 0
Carlisle	55 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	30 0 0	85 0 0
Darlington	—	25315 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	3815 0 0	29130 0 0
Liverpool	7270 0 0	2144 8 0	—	382 15 0	15 0 0	225 0 0	50 5 0	9610 4 1	19697 12 1
London	—	8095 6 0	2 10 0	1 6 0	485 0 0	393 18 6	—	16200 0 6	25178 1 0
Manchester ...	1400 0 0	1337 13 8	—	—	2130 0 0	12 10 0	—	3785 18 0	8666 1 8
Newcastle	15 0 0	4948 19 6	1 5 0	22 10 0	399 3 0	16 10 0	10 10 0	3928 9 6	9342 7 0
Northumberland ...	25 0 0	11 10 0	—	—	—	—	—	146 12 6	183 2 6
General	—	22 1 0	—	—	12500 0 0	5 0 0	—	—	12527 1 0
	9169 10 0	42149 18 2	3 15 0	406 11 0	15534 3 0	662 18 6	60 15 0	40319 6 7	108306 17 3

THOMAS HOLDER and ROBERT LOCKHART, Joint-Treasurers, in account with Union Thanksgiving Fund.

Dr. Cr.

Presbyteries.	Unallocated Right Reserved.	General Fund.	Designated.	Total.		Charges.	Designated Amounts Disbursed.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Cash received from—					By Amounts Designated to Local Purposes in Liverpool Presbytery disbursed ...	—	1124 12 6	1124 12 6
Berwick Presbytery ...	—	50 0 0	—	50 0 0	,, Expenses, Printing, Postage, &c.	76 16 4	—	76 16 4
Birmingham ,, ...	—	95 0 0	—	95 0 0	,, Balance in hand	—	—	4212 6 8
Bristol ,, ...	—	35 0 0	—	35 0 0				
Carlisle ,, ...	—	—	5 0 0	5 0 0				
Liverpool ,, ...	1170 0 0	960 3 0	1424 12 6	3554 15 6				
London ,, ...	—	—	178 0 0	178 0 0				
Manchester ,, ...	—	1 2 0	—	1 2 0				
Newcastle ,, ...	—	1415 18 6	21 0 0	1436 18 6				
Northumberland ,, ...	—	3 2 0	30 0 0	33 2 0				
General	—	22 1 0	—	22 1 0				
Bank Interest ...	—	2 16 6	—	2 16 6				
	1170 0 0	2585 3 0	1658 12 6	5413 15 6		76 16 4	1124 12 6	5413 15 6
To Balance in hand ...	1170 0 0	2508 6 8	534 0 0	4212 6 8				

E. & O. E. Liverpool, 13*th April*, 1877.

REPORT OF THE CONTINENTAL COMMITTEE,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1877.

A CAREFUL survey of the Continental field of Missions at the present time cannot fail to call forth feelings of thankfulness and hope. While no striking events have taken place during the past year (if we except the all-absorbing Eastern Question), there has been found a remarkable preparedness for the reception of the Gospel among the people of almost every country in Europe. The special hindrances to the spread of the work, in addition to the natural depravity of the human heart, vary in different countries. In France and Belgium, Italy and Spain, there is a conflict more or less severe between Ultramontanism and infidelity; while by each of these the Gospel is either vigorously opposed and maligned, or misunderstood and despised. The priests are the chief barrier between the people and the Word of God. In Germany the national Churches, to a great extent lifeless and deserted, are the chief hindrance to the progress of Evangelical truth. But in all these countries there are open doors such as have never been known before, and the one great need is the sending forth of evangelists to go everywhere, preaching the Word simply, earnestly, and in dependence on the Spirit of God, in order to reap a rich harvest of souls. This state of preparedness is in part the result of the past thirty years of sowing the seed, by the distribution of Bibles and tracts, and by other Christian agencies; and although these require to be prosecuted more vigorously than ever, it need not now be with doubting hearts, but with the joyful experience that they are already bearing fruit, and will do so more and more in the future.

Germany.—An evangelist who has been preaching in different parts of the empire during the past few months writes:—"This seems to be a special seed-time for Germany, although one does not meet with much sympathy on the part of the clergy of the Lutheran Church. The doors on the Continent seem to be open now in a wonderful way, and I have never met with such encouragement before." Another, well acquainted with the religious state of Germany, says that the people are falling away from their national Churches, and the moral and religious life of the country seems rather on the decline. But there is also a rising tide of Evangelical truth in some quarters, and on the part of the people there is a readiness to listen to the simple Gospel.

France.—M. Dardier, of the Evangelical Society of Geneva, who has been making a tour of inspection, writes:—"The religious condition of France should interest deeply our respective countries. Infidelity

closes its ranks to meet in conflict with Ultramontanism, which is making extraordinary efforts to gain the ascendancy, and impose its superstitions upon France." The Evangelical Society of Geneva has fifty-six colporteurs at work in France circulating the Word of God and speaking a word in season, as they have opportunity, with encouraging results. The Evangelical Society of France says, by its excellent secretary, M. Fisch, "Now that the pressure of the war which weighed on the people has almost disappeared they turn more and more towards the Gospel, and seem disposed not only to listen but to accept the truth. We cannot insist too strongly on this fact, that we have long mourned over the multitudes whom we could not reach. We have prayed to God that we might get at them; the barriers are fallen, and when these simple people who had no faith have heard preached a religion all of love they have said to us 'This is the very thing we wanted, it is that which we sought without knowing it.'" The "Mission Intérieure" has been carrying on earnest work in preaching the Gospel by means of evangelists, at the same time seeking to revive the Protestant Churches, and they feel that if there were no such society in existence it is the very agency needed now. The Rev. Mr. McAll writes with thankfulness that he has been enabled to open his twentieth preaching-station in Paris, so that there is now accommodation in these rooms for 4000 of the workpeople of that capital, and there are most gratifying indications that this work and that of others of our countrymen and countrywomen in Paris are producing blessed results in conversions and in leavening the people with the truth. From the small fund at the disposal of the Committee a grant of £30 has been made to the Evangelical Society of France, and a like sum to the Evangelical Society of Geneva for colportage in France.

Belgium.—Alarmed at the defiant attitude of Ultramontanism, and disgusted with the immorality of the priests, some of the educated classes are turning towards the Gospel as preached by Protestants, and the country people are glad to listen to the Gospel when brought to them. M. Anet reports a remarkable revival in Hainault and on the banks of the Meuse. Nothing like it has been seen before, and the evangelists engaged in it are too few for the work. He adds, "Pray that the Lord will send forth labourers in this harvest-field." The Committee have made a grant of £20 to the Evangelical Society of Belgium.

Spain.—Notwithstanding the temporary disturbance caused by the Government forbidding the use of signboards to Protestant schools and chapels, there has been no real hindrance to the preaching of the Gospel; indeed the attendance at the places of worship was rather increased by the discussion. Evangelists are enabled to make preaching tours without molestation except on the part of the priests, and there has been a larger circulation of Bibles and tracts than in any previous year. The great need for Spain is the training of Spanish Christians as teachers, pastors, and evangelists for the building up of the Spanish Evangelical Church. In Granada, in Seville, and in Madrid the agents of the Spanish Evangelisation Society have been doing a good work, and the Committee have made a grant of £50 to this society for the support of their agents in Spain.

Portugal.—The Rev. R. Stewart, of Lisbon, writes that the work there progresses most favourably. An evangelist whom he employs is working with great energy, and lately brought ten adults for baptism who were enabled to make a good confession of their faith before the congregation. The Committee were happy to be able to make a grant of £20 in aid of his mission work.

Italy.—From this country we have accounts of steady progress. The Waldensian Church Report gives some interesting notices of their work in the north and south of the Peninsula. In Sicily, where ten years ago there was but one small station, there are now eight, with 320 communicants gathered from the Church of Rome, and 1000 adherents, besides occasional hearers and Sunday-school children. In the north of Italy there is a religious awakening in many of the scattered villages. Testimony to this effect is borne by the evangelists and colporteurs who itinerate in these parts. The Committee have made a grant of £50 in aid of the Waldensian Church Missions.

In *Bohemia* and *Moravia*, and, indeed, throughout the Austrian dominions, although there are serious restrictions on colportage and other Gospel efforts, there is a marked desire for the Gospel, and Pastor Schubert and Pastor Cisar and others find much encouragement, although much hindered by the Government and the Church of Rome.

In *Russia*, especially in St. Petersburg, the work seems to be of a very sound character. Many of the converts in high rank are labouring in the Gospel with much blessing and great zeal. The visits of Lord Radstock have been chiefly instrumental in these results.

The better observance of the Lord's Day is a subject that is now being pressed on the attention of Continental countries through the instrumentality of a society formed for this purpose, with its head-quarters in Geneva. At an International Conference held there in September last gratifying statements were made as to the influence already produced in the way of diminishing Sunday labour on Government works and in other ways.

The Committee still have reason to complain of the small number of congregations which make the collection. Reasons may be given for this by many congregations for the past year. No such reasons will exist in the year to come. Should this Committee be merged in a Board for foreign operations the Committee would take this opportunity of expressing the hope that whatever form the agency may take the Synod will continue the collection.

JOHN G. WRIGHT,

Convener.

Southampton, *April* 3, 1877.

THE CONTINENTAL COMMITTEE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year's account	1	1	11			
Omitted last year, now credited	2	10	0			
				3	11	11
40 Collections, yielding	193	16	3			
Donations	6	17	10			
				200	14	1
				£204	6	0

Audited and found correct,

J. H. DUNCAN.

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Grant to the Waldensian Church Missions in Italy, per Sr. Joseph Malan, Treasurer	50	0	0
,, ,, Evangelical Society of France, per Pastor Fisch	30	0	0
,, ,, Evangelical Society of Geneva for Colportage in France, per Pastor Dardier ...	30	0	0
,, ,, Evangelical Society of Belgium, per Pastor Anet	20	0	0
,, ,, Spanish Evangelisation Society for the work in Spain, per Mrs. Peddie ...	50	0	0
,, ,, Presbyterian Mission in Portugal, per the Rev. R. Stewart, Lisbon	20	0	0
Synod Expenses paid to J. Watson, Esq., Treasurer ...	4	6	0
	£204	6	0

DONALD MATHESON, *Treasurer.*

April 2, 1877.

REPORT ON WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1877.

The Fund continues to prosper. The number of members on the roll at the close of the year was 160, including the missionaries; and the amount invested is £11,471, from which the annual income will amount to about £550.

The Rev. Dr. Mackenzie, late of Birmingham, and the Rev. John Prentice, of Lewes, both highly-esteemed ministers, have recently died, and during this year our consequent liabilities are increased. There will now be six widows and thirteen orphans on the Fund.

It being desirable to render more explicit the distinction indicated in that portion of the Rules of the Fund relating to Recipients, which runs as follows, namely :—

"III.—Principles and Rules of Administration.

"1. *Recipients.*

"The benefits of the Fund shall be enjoyed—(2), by the widows and children of those ministers who, through ill-health or advanced age, may have been compelled to retire from active service, provided their annual rate shall have continued to be paid by the ministers themselves, or on their behalf; (3), by the widows and children of ministers who may, from other causes, have ceased to hold a pastoral charge within this Church, but who shall have continued their connection with the Fund by the payment of the rate and one half more:"

—the Committee respectfully recommend that the Synod should insert the following as a new clause under I. 2. (5); not as an alteration of the rule, but as an explanatory clause :—

"If any member of the Fund shall cease to hold a ministerial or other charge within the bounds of this Church, he shall have the option of continuing his membership by the payment of the rate and one-half more; except when a member shall have retired from active service by reason of ill-health or advanced age, and shall continue so disabled, in which case the rate shall remain the same as before."

In conformity with the deliverance of last Synod, your Committee made inquiry as to the number of ministers formerly connected with the United Presbyterian Church who might wish to avail themselves of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Thirty-six returns were received, of which 29 wish to join the Fund, 6 decline, 1 doubtful.

The terms on which such ministers should be admitted, and whether, and on what terms, future ministers settled in charges formerly United Presbyterian or Reformed Presbyterian may be admitted, have been the subject of careful consideration by the Committee and the gentlemen associated with them for the purpose; but at the present time they have not arrived at their decision. It is hoped, however, that the matter will be matured before the meeting of Synod.

In view of the change which a favourable issue in this matter would produce, it has been thought advisable not to make any recommendation at present regarding the constitution of the Committee for next year.

T. W. BROWN,

Convener.

THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND, 1876,

Dr. IN ACCOUNT WITH THOMAS MATHESON, TREASURER. *Cr.*

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Annuities paid (4 Widows)	105 0 0	By Balance from 1875	95 7 3
,, ,, ,, (8 Orphans)	75 0 0	,, Interest on Capital	522 2 9
,, Incidental Expenses	24 15 0	,, Members' Contributions	916 5 0
,, Investments	1475 7 6	,, Donations, Fees, &c...	285 14 0
,, Balance in hand	139 6 6		
	£1819 9 0		£1819 9 0

ANNUITIES ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Amount paid Annuitants	180 0 0	By Balance from 1875	3474 14 10
,, Balance	4458 5 1	,, Amount, 70 per cent. on £916 5 0	641 7 6
		,, Interest on Capital	522 2 9
	£4638 5 1		£4638 5 1

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Incidental Expenses	24 15 0	By Amount of Accumulations	6617 3 11
,, Balance	7153 0 5	,, Amount, 30 per cent. on £916 5 0	274 17 6
		,, Donations, Fees, &c...	285 14 0
	£7177 15 5		£7177 15 5

BALANCE SHEET.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance of Annuities Account	4458 5 1	By Sundry Investments, *cost*	11471 19 0
,, ,, Capital Account	7153 0 5	,, Balance in Treasurer's hands	139 6 6
	£11611 5 6		£11611 5 6

E. & O. E. LIVERPOOL, *March* 8, 1877.

THOS. MATHESON, *Treasurer.*

Accounts audited and found correct. The cash in the hands of the Treasurer is £139 6s. 6d.; and the investments, of which the certificates have been exhibited to us, amount at cost price to £11471 19s.

LIVERPOOL, *March* 16, 1877.

(Signed) ALEX. H. WHYTT, THOS. MOFFAT, } *Auditors.*

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

DONATIONS, FEES, &c.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Fr. A. P. Stewart, Belgrave Church	5	0	0			
Messrs. Jas. Nisbet and Co., from Profit on Sale of Psalter and Hymn Book	150	0	0			
Mr. D. G. Simpson, Camberwell	2	2	0			
Baron Von Streng, South Kensington	1	1	0			
Baroness Von Streng, do.	1	1	0			
M. L. N.	3	0	0			
Mr. A. Fraser, Salo	2	10	0			
C. E., per do., Manchester	2	10	0			
A Friend, per do., do.	2	10	0			
Clapham Road Church, per Mr. J. E. Eccles	8	0	0			
				177	14	0

INDUCTION FEES.

Middlesborough	5	0	0			
Goldington Crescent	4	10	0			
Stalybridge	3	0	0			
Portsmouth	6	0	0			
Kingston-on-Thames	4	0	0			
Dudley	4	0	0			
Grimsby	5	0	0			
Streatham	8	0	0			
Cardiff	7	0	0			
Hebburn	4	0	0			
Bournemouth	8	0	0			
Bewcastle	2	10	0			
New John Street, Birmingham	4	0	0			
St. George's, Liverpool	8	0	0			
				73	0	0
Marriage Fees	...		...	35	0	0
				£285	14	0

REPORT OF CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1877.

When your Committee reported to last Synod, nineteen Churches had been placed on their list for grants of £750 each. Their names are as follows — Shrewsbury, Clapton, Gloucester, Bowdon, Bournemouth, Ipswich, Ramsbottom, Wandsworth, Southport, Sale, Blyth, Holderness Road (Hull), Middlesborough, Stockton-on-Tees, Jarrow, Woolston, Waterloo, Whitby, and Willesden. Since that date the following five Churches have been added, viz., Streatham, Durham, Norwood, Aberdare, and Wood Green. These cases will exhaust the resources which are at present available. Subject, however, to the necessary replenishing of the Fund, the Committee have provisionally added Crouch Hill and Portsmouth, raising the list of Churches to twenty-six in all.

Since the auspicious completion of the Union several new stations have been commenced, and it is obvious that an impetus has been given to the work of Church extension. The applications known to be on the way to your Committee are numerous, and there is every probability that the growth of our Church will proceed year by year with increasing rapidity. Scattered bands of Presbyterians in large towns now find fewer difficulties in the way of co-operation, and the sons and daughters of our United Church in such centres, for whom as yet she has made no provision, are claiming her sympathy and help. In these circumstances enlarged resources must be employed by the Church to meet increasing demands. The subscriptions up to this date amount to £19,771 17s. 2d.

Except by the addition of certain sums passing through the Thanksgiving Fund, and specially designated for the use of this Committee, though of course not yet paid to our Treasurer, it has been impossible during the past year to advance materially towards the sum contemplated in this scheme.

The subject of the completion of the Fund has engaged the anxious attention of your Committee. Circumstances have interfered with the process of visiting the congregations of the Church, by which such effectual progress was made in the earlier stages of the enterprise. The commencement of the Sustentation Fund necessarily and most worthily absorbed a large share of the attention of the congregations, making it imperative on this Committee to lessen their urgency as to the completion of their own Fund. It was indeed found practically impossible for many congregations to give active support to it, while called upon to lend their energies to the initiating of a great Central Fund for the more adequate

support of the ministry. In this way many doors were no longer open to your Committee.

During the past year a new cause came into operation which still more effectually barred the progress of this particular Fund. The Union Thanksgiving Fund, which was so nobly inaugurated at the first meeting of the Supreme Court of the United Church, contemplated Church extension, including Church building, as one of its main objects. It became impossible to ask the Church to promote the same object through two distinct channels. Your Committee have viewed with lively satisfaction the generous response made by the Church to the appeals of the Union Thanksgiving Committee. They see in this an additional guarantee for the rapid growth of our Church on a safe and solid basis. They regard the claims of our own scattered sons, as well as the present religious and ecclesiastical condition of England, as loud calls to us to apply our earnest and united efforts to this object.

From the above statement it will be seen that the claims made upon this Committee have already outrun their resources. The last two applications which they passed were placed upon their list provisionally, and there is every reason to expect that next year will bring in a still larger number of applications.

In these circumstances your Committee are of opinion that whatever may be decided in the wisdom of the Church with regard to the disposal of the bulk of the Thanksgiving Fund, it is expedient that out of that portion of it which is devoted to the purpose of Church extension, a sum should be appropriated to this Fund sufficient to raise it to £30,000, in order to carry out its original purpose, by giving grants to forty new churches of £750 each. The circumstances above referred to, emerging from the position and the very successes of the Church, have prevented this object being already attained by the ordinary methods. The Committee, therefore, feel warranted in submitting this to the Synod as their unanimous request.

The Subordinate Fund, known as the "Aid and Loan Fund," continues to render valuable service in cases which do not fall within the scope of the larger enterprise. Out of this Fund grants have been made during the year to Killingworth, Wigan, Shaw Street (Liverpool), Belford, Haverstock Hill, Swalwell, and Derby.

R. H. LUNDIE,

Convener.

General Statement of Account, up to April, 1877.

Dr. **Cr.**

	£	£	s.	d.
To the following Grants, *viz.*:—				
Shrewsbury	750			
Clapton	750			
Gloucester	750			
Bowdon	750			
Bournemouth	750			
Ipswich	750			
Wandsworth	750			
Sale	750			
Southport...	750			
Blyth	750			
Middlesborough	375			
Waterloo, Liverpool	750			
Ramsbottom—one moiety	375			
Holderness Road, Hull	750			
Jarrow	750			
Woolston	750			
Willesden...	750			
Stockton	375			
		12,375	0	0
„ Printing Charges and Expenses of Public and Committee Meetings		353	12	2
„ Travelling Expenses of Deputations		74	16	7
„ Interest on Temporary Loan from "Aid and Loan Fund"		64	8	6
„ Balance in hand of Local Treasurers ...	£1 14 10			
„ „ „ Bankers... ...	3835 8 3			
		3837	3	1
		£16,705	0	4

	£	s.	d.
By Contributions:—			
From the Presbytery of Berwick	16	1	0
„ „ Birmingham	34	0	0
„ „ Cumberland	1	1	0
„ „ Liverpool	5087	1	0
„ „ London	6675	12	0
„ „ Manchester...	1553	14	0
„ „ Newcastle	1230	3	0
„ „ Northumberland	67	4	4
„ Individual Subscribers	2040	4	0
	£16,705	0	4

Deliverance of the Synod, held at London, April, 1877.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Church Building and Debt Extinction, which was given in by the Rev. R. H. Lundie, Convener.

The Financial Report was submitted by the Treasurer, Mr. George Duncan.

The Synod receive the Report; rejoice in the steady progress of this Church, and in the indications of life and energy manifested; renew the expression of their sense of the importance, to the consolidation and extension of the Church, of both branches of the work of this Committee, and urge upon all the Presbyteries of the Church the duty of taking a fair share in this work.

Further, considering that in consequence of the auspicious institution of the Union Thanksgiving Fund, which, among other objects, aims at aiding Congregations in the liquidation of debt and the building of Churches, it is not possible for the Church Building Committee any longer to make a separate appeal to the Church for the sum still needed to complete the £30,000 originally contemplated, the Synod recommend to the favourable consideration of the Thanksgiving Fund Committee the application made in the Report for said balance.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Subscriptions Paid. £ s. d.		£ s. d.	Amount subscribed by each Congregation. £ s. d.	Amount subscribed in each Presbytery. £ s. d.
	Presbytery of Berwick.			
	BERWICK.			
5 0 0	Peter Richardson	5 0 0		
10 0 0	Andrew Foulds	10 0 0		
1 1 0	Robert Carr	1 1 0		
			16 1 0	
				16 1 0
	Presbytery of Birmingham.			
	BIRMINGHAM.			
	Broad Street—			
18 0 0	James Byers...	18 0 0		
4 0 0	J. Ireland	5 0 0		
1 0 0	John R. Mackenzie, D.D. ...	5 0 0		
			28 0 0	
	New John Street—			
5 0 0	John Stothart	5 0 0		
5 0 0	James Brown	5 0 0		
1 0 0	Rev. R. Grant Brown... ...	1 13 4		
			11 13 4	
				39 13 4
	Presbytery of Cumberland.			
	CARLISLE.			
1 1 0	Rev. J. H. Boyd	1 1 0	...	1 1 0
	Presbytery of Liverpool.			
	BIRKENHEAD.			
	Hamilton Church—			
25 0 0	Wm. Ferguson	25 0 0		
5 0 0	George Young	5 0 0		
0 5 0	A. Macfarlane	1 5 0		
			31 5 0	
	St. Andrew's—			
40 0 0	James Taylor	100 0 0		
20 0 0	J. T. Forman	20 0 0		
4 0 0	James Cochrane	5 0 0		
0 8 0	Janet Campbell	2 0 0		
0 8 0	M. A. Williamson	2 0 0		
			129 0 0	
	LIVERPOOL.			
	Canning Street—			
500 0 0	David Jardine	500 0 0		
250 0 0	Robert Lockhart	250 0 0		
100 0 0	John McDiarmid	100 0 0		
120 0 0	Thomas Bell...	120 0 0		
50 0 0	Wm. McGregor	50 0 0		
50 0 0	Misses Robinson	50 0 0		
40 0 0	John Taylor	40 0 0		
30 0 0	Robert Robinson	30 0 0		
25 0 0	H. B. Price	25 0 0		
25 0 0	W. L. Robinson	25 0 0		
25 0 0	T. E. Greenshields	25 0 0		
20 0 0	Miss Mackenzie	20 0 0		
£1381 3 0	... Carried forward ...	£1235 0 0	£160 5 0	£56 15 4

Subscriptions Paid. £	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	Amount subscribed by each Congregation. £	s.	d.	Amount subscribed in each Presbytery. £	s.	d.
1381	3	0	... Brought forward ...	1235	0	0	160	5	0	56	15	4
5	5	0	J. Fraser	5	5	0						
5	0	0	James Baird	5	0	0						
0	5	0	Miss M. Grain	1	5	0						
1	0	0	Miss Begbie	1	0	0						
							1247	10	0			
			Everton Valley—									
0	3	6	Anonymous per J. C. Cuthbert ...	0	3	6						
							0	3	6			
			Fairfield—									
1000	0	0	Bryce Allan	1000	0	0						
500	0	0	Alex. Balfour	500	0	0						
100	0	0	R. Crooks	100	0	0						
100	0	0	John Reid	100	0	0						
100	0	0	John Roxburgh	100	0	0						
50	0	0	John Graham	50	0	0						
40	0	0	Rev. R. H. Lundie	40	0	0						
25	0	0	J. R. Montgomery	25	0	0						
25	0	0	D. MacWatty	25	0	0						
20	0	0	R. D. B. MacQueen	25	0	0						
25	0	0	T. D. Philip	25	0	0						
10	0	0	John Graham, jun.	10	0	0						
10	0	0	A. R. Porter...	10	0	0						
5	5	0	Joseph Hossack	5	5	0						
5	0	0	W. Gracie	5	0	0						
5	0	0	A. Mackenzie	5	0	0						
5	0	0	W. M. Dowling	5	0	0						
4	0	0	W. R. Martin	5	0	0						
2	0	0	W. Wainwright	2	0	0						
2	0	0	Mrs. Mackellar	2	0	0						
5	0	0	Friend	5	0	0						
10	0	0	A Mite	10	0	0						
							2054	5	0			
			Islington—									
200	0	0	John Bingham	250	0	0						
160	0	0	Edward Paul...	200	0	0						
5	0	0	Stephen Reid...	5	0	0						
3	0	0	Peter Lunt	5	0	0						
5	0	0	John Bissett	5	0	0						
2	0	0	Richard Saunders	5	0	0						
4	0	0	Margaret Cameron	5	0	0						
1	0	0	J. G. Brown	5	0	0						
0	8	0	J. Killock	2	0	0						
0	8	0	A Friend	2	0	0						
1	4	0	Isabella Killick	2	0	0						
1	4	0	Wm. Thompson	2	0	0						
1	4	0	Jane Armstrong	2	0	0						
0	10	0	Thomas Irvine	0	10	0						
0	1	0	No Name	0	1	0						
							490	11	0			
			Trinity, Princes Park—									
100	0	0	Alexander Brown	100	0	0						
1	5	0	A. Kerr	1	5	0						
							101	5	0			
			Rockferry—									
600	0	0	Thomas Matheson	600	0	0						
£4527	5	6	... Carried forward ...	£600	0	0	£4053	19	6	£56	15	4

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4527	5	6	... Brought forward ...	600	0	0	4053	19	6	56	15	4
500	0	0	Stephen Williamson	500	0	0						
50	0	0	Edward Wylie	50	0	0						
25	0	0	Edward Evans	25	0	0						
10	0	0	Wm. Johnson	10	0	0						
2	0	0	Mrs. Nicholson	5	0	0						
1	17	6	Mrs. Drummond	3	2	6						
2	0	0	Mrs. Robertson	2	0	0						
							1195	2	6			
			Southport—									
20	0	0	Arthur Greer...	50	0	0						
							50	0	0			
										5299	2	0
			Presbytery of London.									
			CROYDON.									
60	0	0	John Corry	100	0	0						
5	0	0	Wm. Mackray	5	0	0						
0	16	0	D. A. Croall	2	0	0						
							107	0	0			
			LEWES.									
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			St. John's Wood—									
800	0	0	C. E. Lewis, M.P.	1000	0	0						
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25	0	0	Mr. Mercer	25	0	0						
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			Rev. John Clelland	2	0	0						
							2	0	0			
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			Grosvenor Square—									
200	0	0	C. A. Stewart	500	0	0						
150	0	0	R. McEwen	150	0	0						
100	0	0	Mrs. Parlane...	100	0	0						
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2	10	0	Wm. Kerr	2	10	0						
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8	0	0	Andrew McIntosh	10	0	0						
4	0	0	Mr. Crichton...	10	0	0						
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			HULL.									
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			Richard Carr...	15	0	0						
			Wm. Sutton	10	0	0						
			George Irving	10	0	0						
			Wm. Jardine	5	0	0						
			John Nisbet	5	0	0						
			Andrew Fulton	5	0	0						
			A. H. McBryde	5	0	0						
			R. Paterson	1	5	0						
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			Newcastle, John Knox—									
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8	0	0	Alex. Scott, jun.	40	0	0						
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2	0	0	George Avrey Tate	10	0	0						
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2	10	0	Mrs. Murray	2	10	0						
2	10	0	Mrs. J. Eggleston, Sen. ...	2	10	0						
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1	12	0	Thomas Alexander	2	0	0						
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1	5	0	T. Robson	1	5	0						
0	10	0	Kenneth McQueen	1	5	0						
1	10	0	Wm. Farquhar	1	10	0						
1	0	0	James Robertson	1	0	0						
1	0	0	Mrs. Mowbray	1	0	0						
1	0	0	Wm. Allen	1	0	0						
0	6	0	Mrs. Burns	0	15	0						
0	10	0	Wilkinson Craig	0	12	6						
0	2	6	John Forgie	0	12	6						
0	5	0	Mrs. Clarke	0	12	6						
0	12	6	Miss. J. Ross	0	12	6						
0	5	0	Ralph Dunn	0	12	6						
0	10	0	Mrs. Harris	0	10	0						
0	10	0	J. Brewis	0	10	0						
							216	12	6			
										1829	14	6

Presbytery of Northumberland.

ALNWICK.

1	6	6	Collection	1	6	6						
0	10	0	,, St. James's	0	10	0						
							1	16	6			

BAVINGTON.

1	0	0	Rev. Alex. Forsyth	1	0	0						
2	10	0	H. J. Thompson	2	10	0						
14602	18	6	... Carried forward ...	£3	10	0	£1	16	6	£17604	8	6

Subscriptions Paid. £	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	Amount Subscribed by each Congregation. £	s.	d.	Amount subscribed in each Presbytery. £	s.	d.
14602	18	6	... Brought forward ...		3	10	0	1	16	6	17604	8	6
1	0	0	Robert Wales		1	0	0						
0	10	0	Joseph Dobson		0	10	0						
								5	0	0			
			BRANTON.										
2	0	6	Collection					2	0	6			
			CROOKHAM.										
0	7	0	Collection					0	7	0			
			FELTON.										
1	0	0	Collection					1	0	0			
			THORPTON.										
5	7	4	Collections					5	7	4			
			GLANTON.										
3	15	0	Collection					3	15	0			
			MORPETH.										
40	0	0	Sundry Subscriptions					100	0	0			
			WARENFORD.										
7	18	0	Sundry Subscriptions					7	18	0			
											127	4	4
1000	0	0	R. Barbour, of Bolesworth Castle					1000	0	0			
			FROM CHINA.										
2	2	0	Rev. H. Ritchie	2	2	0							
2	2	0	Dr. Maxwell	2	2	0							
								4	4	0			
			Per Rev. R. H. Lundie—										
250	0	0	G. Barbour, Edinburgh ...	250	0	0							
250	0	0	David Duncan	250	0	0							
50	0	0	John Elliott	50	0	0							
25	0	0	Alex. McKibbin	25	0	0							
25	0	0	Mrs. McKibbin	25	0	0							
20	0	0	Alex. Carson	20	0	0							
5	0	0	A. D. Anderson	5	0	0							
5	0	0	Rev. Fred. Walters	5	0	0							
								630	0	0			
			Per Geo. Duncan, Esq.										
250	0	0	Peter Denny, Dumbarton ...	250	0	0							
50	0	0	A. S. Stevenson, Tynemouth ...	50	0	0							
100	0	0	James Stevenson, Glasgow ...	100	0	0							
2	0	0	Post-Office Order., Jan., 1874 ...	2	0	0							
2	0	0	D. N., paid to Bankers ...	2	0	0							
								404	0	0			
			Per Wm. Ferguson, Esq.										
2	0	0	G. Dunlop	2	0	0							
								2	0	0			
16,705	0	4									2040	4	0
											£19,771	17	2
1	14	10	With Local Treasurers										
£16,703	5	6											

CONGREGATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Paid. £	s.	d.		Subscribed. £	s.	d.
16	1	0	Berwick	16	1	0
23	0	0	Birmingham, Broad Street	28	0	0
11	0	0	,, New John Street	11	13	4
1	1	0	Carlisle	1	1	0
30	5	0	Birkenhead, Hamilton	31	5	0
64	16	0	,, St. Andrew's	129	0	0
1246	10	0	Liverpool, Canning Street	1247	10	0
0	3	6	,, Everton Valley	0	3	6
2048	5	0	,, Fairfield	2054	5	0
384	19	0	,, Islington	490	11	0
101	5	0	,, Trinity, Prince's Park	101	5	0
1190	17	6	,, Rockferry	1195	2	6
20	0	0	,, Southport	50	0	0
65	16	0	Croydon	107	0	0
10	0	0	Lewes	10	0	0
72	0	0	London, Belgrave	140	0	0
60	0	0	,, Camden Road	60	0	0
670	10	0	,, Greenwich	938	10	0
1588	13	0	,, Hampstead	1765	1	0
139	12	0	,, Islington	259	1	0
			,, Marylebone	125	0	0
2594	3	0	,, Regent Square	2534	15	0
1363	4	0	,, St. John's Wood	1610	10	0
			Maidstone	0	5	0
66	14	0	Southampton	117	10	0
135	0	0	Tottenham	225	0	0
			Leeds	2	0	0
1075	0	0	Manchester, Grosvenor Square	1375	0	0
124	8	0	,, St. Andrew's	145	10	0
353	6	0	,, Trinity	998	15	0
1	0	0	Sheffield	5	0	0
21	0	0	Hull...	105	0	0
22	0	0	Newcastle, Trinity	78	5	0
60	6	0	,, John Knox...	152	0	0
46	11	0	North Shields...	355	5	0
778	10	0	South Shields, Laygate	787	2	0
28	2	0	,, St. John's	38	10	0
95	8	0	Sunderland, Monkwearmouth	97	0	0
178	6	0	,, St. George's	216	12	6
1	16	6	Alnwick	1	16	6
5	0	0	Bavington	5	0	0
2	0	6	Branton	2	0	6
0	7	0	Crookham	0	7	0
1	0	0	Felton	1	0	0
3	15	0	Glanton	3	15	0
40	0	0	Morpeth	100	0	0
5	7	4	Thorpton	5	7	4
7	18	0	Warenford	7	18	0
2040	4	0	Individual Subscriptions	2040	4	0
£16,705	0	4		£19,771	17	2

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHURCH BUILDING FUND,

IN ACCOUNT WITH GEO. DUNCAN, TREASURER.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Sundry Grants	2625	0	0	By Balance from last year ...	5642	15	1
,, Synod Printing Charges	52	10	6	,, Contribtns. from London	470	0	0
,, Travelling Expenses of Deputations	17	10	0	,, ,, from Liverpool	94	11	6
,, Proportion of Expenses of Queen Square House...	5	0	0	,, ,, from Manchester, &c. ...	189	13	6
,, Balance	3835	8	3	,, ,, from Newcastle, &c.	98	9	0
				,, ,, from various other places	3	11	0
				,, Interest on Bank Account	36	8	8
	£6535	8	9		£6535	8	9
				By Balance	£3835	8	3

London, *5th April*, 1877. Audited and found correct,

LEWIS STEWART,
AFFLECK FRASER.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND DEBT EXTINCTION FUND,

IN ACCOUNT WITH GEO. DUNCAN, TREASURER.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Sundry Grants	325	0	0	By Balance from last year ...	3282	11	3
,, Synod Printing Charges, &c.	7	0	0	,, Repayments of Loans ...	350	0	0
,, Proportion of Expenses of Queen Square House...	5	0	0	,, Interest on Bank Account	32	4	2
,, Balance	3327	15	5				
	£3664	15	5		£3664	15	5
				By Balance	£3327	15	5

London, *4th April*, 1877. Audited and found correct,

LEWIS STEWART,
AFFLECK FRASER.

REPORT OF THE AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1877.

YOUR Committee were instructed by last Synod to take steps to add at least £1000 to the invested capital. In conformity with these instructions, they are gratified to be able to report that, through the generous contributions of a few individuals, an amount sufficient to raise the invested capital to £5000 has now been secured. The payments hitherto made from this Fund have been obviously so inadequate, that the attention of members of the Church has been directed to the subject, and a scheme, with a view to provide the Committee with additional means, through an annual contribution by each congregation, has been laid before them, and will receive their careful attention. They are grieved to report the death, on 2nd March, of Dr. J. R. Mackenzie, for many years Minister of Broad Street congregation, Birmingham, to whose widow and family they tender their cordial sympathy in this painful bereavement.

T. MACPHERSON,

Convener.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND,

IN ACCOUNT WITH GEO. DUNCAN, TREASURER.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.
To Allowances from the Fund	52	0	0
,, Synod Printing Charges	1	6	6
,, Investments since last year	106	7	6
,, Balance	728	16	4
	£888	10	4

	£	s.	d.
By Balance from last year ..	20	2	11
,, Interest on Investments...	197	17	5
,, Donation	25	0	0
,, Contributions, namely :—			
From A. Fraser, Manchester... ...	2	10	0
,, Trinity Congrgtn., Clapham Road	8	0	0
,, Sundries, per Rev. T. Macpherson	95	0	0
,, Geo. Duncan, London	500	0	0
,, W. A. Boulnois, London ...	10	0	0
,, T. Bell, London	5	0	0
,, W. D. Anderson, London ...	25	0	0
	£888	10	4
By Balance	£728	16	4

LONDON, *5th April*, 1877.

Audited and found correct,

LEWIS STEWART.
AFFLECK FRASER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1877.

Your Committee have to report that the periodicals of the Church, the *Messenger* and the *Children's Messenger*, have been regularly issued during the past year.

For the New Series of the former an engraved cover has been prepared and used, the cost being defrayed through the liberality of Mr. Andrew Mowat.

The circulation of this periodical has risen from 8300 in December, 1875, to 11,100 in December, 1876. The Union in June would doubtless have led to a larger increase in the later months of the year, but for the circumstance that, in many of the former United Presbyterian congregations, there was a natural disposition to be satisfied with the diffusion of the *Missionary Record* and *Juvenile Magazine* of the Church to which they formerly belonged, their parcels of these periodicals having been ordered at the beginning of the year. Satisfactory as the advance in these circumstances has been, it is much below what is to be desired and hoped for, and your Committee earnestly seek the co-operation of ministers and other office-bearers to secure its introduction into all the families of the Church.

Your Committee have great satisfaction in being able to report that the monthly issue of this journal has been conducted throughout the year without any charge on the Church or on any of her Committees, and that there is a small balance at the close of the year to the credit of the *Messenger*.

The success which has attended the children's journal in its new form has fully justified the action of your Committee in the change made at the beginning of last year, when, instead of a modified form of the *Record for Children*, published by the Free Church, a new and independent monthly periodical was commenced. The circulation has increased from 10,000 in December, 1875, to 15,000 in December, 1876. This rapid increase in the circulation required the printing of a large number each month, and as the demand was irregular a considerable stock of some of the numbers has consequently accumulated. The great fire which completely consumed the premises of the printers destroyed the stock of the January and February numbers, and they had to be reprinted. These circumstances have caused a considerable loss in connection with the *Children's Messenger*, amounting to £34 9s. 9d. This, however, has been met by a grant from the funds of the Foreign Missions' Committee. As in former years, the numbers of the little periodical which remain on hand will be available for gratuitous distribution in Sabbath schools.

Your Committee prepared and issued, immediately after the Union, a special number of the *Messenger*, containing a report of the Synod and several important papers on the Uniting Churches. The estimate being that 64 pages would be sufficient, it was resolved to offer the number to congregations at 2d. each copy. When, however, the matter for the publication was prepared, it was found to require 84 pages, while the Committee could not see their way to alter the advertised price. As each number, in consequence, cost the Committee somewhat more than the sum for which it was sold, and as an edition of 25,000 was completely exhausted, a loss of £45 4s. 8d. was thus incurred. This loss, however, includes the cost of 1200 copies which were forwarded by post to leading men in the different Churches in London and throughout the country, with the view of supplying accurate information about our Church to Christian men outside our own Communion. Your Committee believe that an important service was done to the Church by the preparation and extensive circulation of this publication.

In accordance with the remit of last Synod, your Committee prepared also a more permanent record of the Union Synod, and of the negotiations and proceedings connected therewith, in a memorial volume, which has recently been published. An edition of 1200 has been printed, one-half of which has been subscribed for, and your Committee hope that the remainder will be speedily taken up by congregations. In the belief that this would be so, the small price was fixed of £1 for eight copies, when obtained from the Committee.

With the view of securing a mutual interest in the work of two Churches so closely related as the United Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church of England now are, your Committee proposed an exchange of their respective monthly periodicals, which has been arranged for. This has secured to each minister of both Churches the regular delivery of the journals of the sister Church. Your Committee have incurred in this important service an expense of £26 4s. 3d.

Following up a resolution which they had been led to adopt at a meeting held soon after the Union, your Committee were taking steps for the printing of the Reports of Committees for the Synod's use, with some modification of form, with a view of making them available for use in the *Messenger*, and so securing for them a wider circulation in the Church. But as it appeared that arrangements were already in progress for the printing of the Reports, under charge of the Synod Treasurer, as had been the usage in the Presbyterian Church in England, the Committee, in order to avoid inconvenience and delay, agreed to allow the work to remain for the present year as heretofore. They now, however, respectfully request the Synod to entrust to the charge of this Committee the printing of all Synodical documents, giving specific instructions on the subject.

Your Committee took steps to carry out the instructions of the Synod in reference to uniformity in the form and size of books for the Presbytery Records, and of stationery for official documents, though they were seriously hampered by being required to enter into business transactions which required the outlay of some capital, while none had been provided for them by the Synod. After consultation with the Clerk of the Synod,

and with several Clerks of Presbyteries, a set of volumes suitable for Presbytery and Committee Records were prepared, in which special attention was paid to the quality of the paper and the excellency of the binding. These volumes have been supplied to the Clerks of the Synod and of the Presbyteries of Berwick, Carlisle, Manchester, and Newcastle.

The matter of uniform stationery is receiving the attention of your Committee, and it is proposed to continue this work.

The best form of disjunction certificates has been under consideration, but the Committee have not yet been able to adopt one to be recommended for use in the Church.

In reference to the remit on the subject of duplicate minutes of Presbyteries, your Committee recommend that the Synod should instruct each Presbytery to have prepared a duplicate copy of its minutes for the use of the Synod, to be deposited in some convenient and safe place; that these transcripts should begin from the period of the Union; and that a sufficient allowance be made to meet the cost of transcription from such source as the Synod shall appoint.

The necessity for a short and clear exposition of the position of our Church was brought under the attention of the Committee, and at their request Dr. Fraser has prepared a manual of the doctrine, worship, polity, and history of the Church, which has been printed in such a form that it can be supplied to congregations for 5s. per 100.

A Statement on Christian Giving has been prepared by the Synod's Committee on that subject, and placed in the hands of your Committee, with the view of issuing it in a suitable form for the use of the Church.

At the request of the Synod's Committee on Law and Historical Documents, your Committee have taken charge of the printing and preparation of Dr. Levi's complete Digest of the Actings of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England. The work is now in the press, and it is expected that it will be early ready for distribution.

Your Committee has repeatedly considered the urgent need for a depôt for the publications and stationery prepared by authority of the Synod, and they have agreed to request that in any arrangements made for a central office, suitable provision shall be made for their requirements.

Your Committee have, as has been said, found serious difficulty in carrying on the work committed to them without funds. By the favour of three Elders interested in this work, they have been able to meet their liabilities before payment could be obtained for the *Messengers*, but this arrangement is very unsatisfactory. Besides, the preparation of minute books, forms, and stationery requires a considerable present outlay, though in course of time it will be repaid. It is necessary that a small capital be obtained, and your Committee resolved to apply to the Synod for a sum of £750, and to request that this sum be granted from the Union Memorial Fund. They hope that this request may receive the Synod's favourable consideration.

J. EDMOND,

Convener.

Dr. The Publications Committee in account with the Treasurer. Cr.

"MESSENGER" ACCOUNT.

1876.	£	s.	d.
To Printing, Paper, and Carriage	468	14	8
,, Honorarium to Editor	12	0	0
,, Postages and Sundries	7	3	9
,, Profit to General Account	6	3	5
	£494	1	10

1876.	£	s.	d.
By Congregations for copies supplied	261	18	4
,, Sustentation Fund for extra expenses attending acknowledgments of receipts	12	0	0
,, Nisbet and Co., for copies sold, less commission ...	122	11	2
,, Advertisements	77	10	9
,, Donation for new design for cover	10	0	0
,, Copies sent to U.P. Ministers in Scotland	10	1	7
	£494	1	10

"CHILDREN'S MESSENGER" ACCOUNT.

1876.	£	s.	d.
To Printing and Paper	272	17	10
	£272	17	10

1876.	£	s.	d.
By Congregations for copies supplied	104	19	2
,, Hodder and Stoughton for copies sold	129	5	6
,, Copies sent to U.P. Ministers in Scotland	4	3	5
,, Loss to General Account	34	9	9
	£272	17	10

UNION NUMBER OF "MESSENGER" ACCOUNT.

1876.	£	s.	d.
To Printing, Paper, and Carriage	257	5	2
	£257	5	2

1876.	£	s.	d.
By Congregations for copies supplied	176	11	3
,, Nisbet and Co. for copies sold, less commission ...	24	9	3
,, Donations for Dr. Anderson's portrait	11	0	0
,, Copies sent to various clergymen and others, and postage	17	6	4
,, Loss to General Account	27	18	4
	£257	5	2

General Statement.

Dr.

1876.				£	s.	d.
To Loss on "Children's Messenger"				34	9	9
,, ,, "Union Messenger"				27	18	4
,, Cost of Sending "Messenger" and "Children's Messenger" to United Presbyterian Ministers in Scotland—						
"Messenger"...	£10	1	7			
"Children's Messenger" ...	4	3	5			
Postage and addressing ...	11	19	3			
				26	4	3
,, Cost of 1200 "Union Messengers" and postage to clergymen and others				17	6	4
,, Loan repaid Wm. Melles, Esq....				120	0	0
,, Cost of 1000 Volumes of "Children's Messenger" for 1876...	£57	8	3			
,, Paper for Memorial Volume	18	5	8			
				75	13	11
,, Amount carried forward per contra				500	0	0
				£801	12	7
To Balance due to Treasurer				£99	15	3

Cr.

1876.				£	s.	d.
To Profit on "Messenger"				6	3	5
,, Loan from W. Melles, Esq.				120	0	0
,, ,, ,, W. Carruthers, Esq. ...	£400	0	0			
,, Donations for "Children's Messenger" for 1876 to Sabbath-School Libraries	10	0	0			
,, Amount received for Dr. Levi's Digest of Proceedings	90	0	0			
				500	0	0
,, Amount carried forward per contra				75	13	11
,, Balance due to Treasurer				99	15	3
				£801	12	7

London, April 11th, 1877.

Examined and found correct,

JAMES ROBB, *Auditor.*

WILLIAM F. G. BLAIKIE, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN GIVING,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1877.

In carrying out the instructions of last Synod, the Committee instructed the Convener to prepare an address. This has been done, and has been approved of by the Committee, and will be in the hands of members of Synod. It was thought advisable to defer its issue till after the meeting of Synod.

The Committee agreed to recommend the Synod to instruct Presbyteries to confer on the best modes of keeping this important subject before the members of the Church.

W. P. MACKAY,
Convener.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION OF PREACHERS,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1877.

After mature consideration of the subject of the Synod's Remit, the Committee are of opinion that, however desirable it may be to have a scheme in operation in this Church for the orderly distribution of preachers, especially amongst vacant charges, the time has not yet come for framing such a scheme with the hope of its being practically carried out in all congregations. It is well known that many congregations, on both sides of the now United Church, have kept the supply of the pulpit during a state of vacancy and at other times in their own hands; and it is extremely doubtful if, at present, these congregations would forego the privilege they have hitherto enjoyed, and be ready to accept of the supply a Central Committee might be able to send them. Besides, the number of probationers at present under the authority of the Synod is so small as to render the construction of a scheme premature until this radical want of the Church is supplied by a larger accession to our staff of preachers. In the opinion of the Committee the whole subject of the increase of preachers requires to be seriously considered by the Church, as being much more urgent than the mere method of distribution. This is a matter which, perhaps, is beyond the subject strictly remitted to the Committee, but it is mentioned here as a reason for the Committee's hesitation in formulating a scheme for the distribution of preachers when there are so few to provide for in this way.

All which is humbly reported.

JAMES MUIR,
Convener.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1877.

Your Committee were instructed by last Synod to "consider the Composition, Selection, Object, and Work of the Committees of the Synod," and Presbyteries were desired to "send to the Committee any suggestions they had to make on the subject."

In compliance with these instructions the Committee had laid before them nine returns from Presbyteries, expressing generally a desire to see the number of Committees lessened, and in some cases suggesting definite arrangements for this purpose, but while nearly all were agreed in the object to be aimed at, they differed materially in their recommendations, and were not of one opinion as to their urgency. These returns are appended to this Report.

In addressing themselves to the consideration of their instructions, your Committee were met by written and oral communications from five important Committees, expressing with greater or less emphasis their objection to amalgamation with any other Committee.

Under these circumstances your Committee have found themselves unable to lay before the Synod any recommendation that would deal with the question of classifying the work of the Committees so as to lessen their number, beyond amalgamating the "Day Schools" and "The College," and the "Publications" and "Law and Historical Documents" Committees.

As regards the selection of members, it is recommended that they should be nominated in the proportion of two-fifths by Presbyteries and three-fifths by the Synod, one-third retiring annually to be eligible for re-election, a Committee of Selection being nominated at an early sederunt of Synod, to report at a future diet.

The Committee are further of opinion that while the Church should contemplate the ultimate appointment of a General Secretary, they think the time has not yet arrived for such a step.

They beg also to report that in response to an application from the Publications Committee, they have recommended the Committee to pay to that Committee *pro rata* a sum not exceeding £120, in order to complete the printing, &c., of Dr. Leone Levi's Digest of the Actings and Proceedings of the Presbyterian Church in England.

They have further to report that they see no reason to disturb the *rota* upon which the Synod's stated collections were made during the past year, and therefore recommend that the same arrangement be followed during the current year, viz.:—

Foreign Missions, Continental, Schools, College, Jews, and Home Mission, on the third Lord's Day of May, July, September, November, January, and March respectively.

JAMES WATSON,
Convener.

RETURNS FROM PRESBYTERIES.

PRESBYTERY OF BERWICK.

Agreed, without adopting formally a resolution on the subject, "Meanwhile, the Presbytery would suggest the propriety of appointing a General Secretary and a General Treasurer for the schemes of the Church, and that the Committees be so constituted as to include representatives from all the Presbyteries, and part of these representatives should be directly chosen by the Presbyteries."

Extracted from Presbytery Records.

ANDREW CANT,
Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BIRMINGHAM.

Inter alia: Considered the remit of the Synod instructing Presbyteries to send to the Finance Committee any suggestions with respect to the Composition, Selection, Object, and Work of the Committees of the Synod, and resolved as follows: "In response to the Synod's remit, this Presbytery recommends a reduction in the number of Committees, and the ultimate appointment of a General Secretary."

Extracted from the Minutes.

A. M. DALRYMPLE,
Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE.

Inter alia: In the matter of the remit of Synod, on page 33 of the Minutes, it was moved and seconded and carried by a majority—

"That the work of the Church be divided into two great branches—Home and Foreign; and that each department have a paid Secretary to attend to the work."

Extracted from the Minutes.

JAMES CHRISTIE,
Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF DARLINGTON.

"Having considered the Synod's instructions to Presbyteries, anent suggestions to Finance Committee appointed to consider the Composition, Selection, Object, and Work of the Committees of the Synod, this Presbytery, without making special recommendations, would press upon said Committee the

urgent necessity for adopting the least diffusive system of transacting the business of the Synod; and also to mark the great inconvenience arising from the existence of so many Treasurers."

Extracted from Minutes of Presbytery.

JOHN BOGUE,
Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LIVERPOOL.

Inter alia: In reference to the remit of the Finance Committee anent composition, &c., of Committees of Synod, the Presbytery resolved as follows:—"First, recommend that the Committees be classified and reduced in numbers, so far as may be found consistent with the efficient conduct of the work of the Church; Second, That a General Secretary be appointed (to act in the meantime also as Treasurer) when a suitable man can be found."

Extracted from Minutes of Presbytery of Liverpool.

GEORGE JOHNSTONE.
Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Inter alia: The Presbytery took up the report of the Committee on the remit of Synod relative to the Standing Committees of the Synod, when, after reasoning, it was resolved that the following suggestions be sent up to the Synod's Finance Committee, viz.:—

"1. That, in the event of the Synod deeming it expedient to appoint a Committee on General Purposes, a more appropriate name should be given to it than that of Finance Committee.

"2. That the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund be united with the Committee on the Ministers' Widows and Orphans Fund.

"3. That the Committee on the Home Mission be united with the Committee on Church Building and Debt Extinction.

"4. That the Committee on Sabbath Schools be combined with the Committee on Publications.

"5. That the Committee on the Continent, the Committee on Deputations and Correspondence, and the Committee on Correspondence with Foreign Churches be united.

"6. That a General Treasurer be appointed, with an office which shall be the head-quarters of all the Committees of the Synod.

"7. That it is desirable that a General Home Secretary be appointed."

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of London.

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE,
Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER.

Inter alia: Agreeably to notice given at last meeting, the Rev. Wm. McCaw called the attention of the Presbytery to the Synod's remit anent the Committees of the Church, and moved the following as the Presbytery's finding:—

"In accordance with the remit of Synod, the Presbytery offers to the Finance Committee, the following suggestions:—

"1. That the Synod at its first sederunt appoint two Committees—one to be entitled 'Committee on Bills, Overtures, and Business,' and the other, 'Committee on Commissions and Records.'

"That the former be charged with the transmission of all papers to be laid

on the table of the Synod, and with the arrangement of the order of business; that it consist of forty members, to be chosen as follows:—The Presbyteries of London and Newcastle to choose 4 members each; those of Liverpool, Manchester, and Northumberland, 3 members each; and those of Berwick, Birmingham, Bristol, Carlisle, and Darlington, 2 members each. That the names of the members chosen be forwarded to the Clerk of Synod a week before its meeting, that they may be entered on the Committee. That the remaining 13 members be chosen by the Synod itself, and in case any Presbytery fail to forward its proportion of names the Synod shall supply the lack.

"That the 'Committee on Commissions and Records' be charged with the examination of Elders' Commissions, and of the Records of Synod, Presbyteries, and Standing Committees, and that it also consist of 40 members, to be chosen in the manner indicated above.

"2. That the Synod, at an early sederunt, appoint a Committee, to be called the 'Selection Committee,' which shall be charged with the nomination of suitable persons to act on the Standing Committees of the Church, and that it consist of the Conveners of existing Standing Committees, along with a member selected by the Synod from each Presbytery.

"3. That one-fifth of the members of each Standing Committee retire annually, by rotation, to be eligible, however, for re-election.

"4. That efforts be made to reduce the number of the Synod's Committees, so far as this may be compatible with the efficient discharge of the Church's manifold work.

"The Presbytery, in this connection, would put the inquiry, whether it would not be practicable to amalgamate the 'Finance Committee' with that on 'Statistics,' and the 'Committee on Publications' with that on 'Law and Historical Documents,' inasmuch as the objects of the Committees seem respectively to be cognate.

"They anticipate, however, the time not far distant when, owing to the efficient working of the National Education Act, the necessity for the Synod's Day School Committee will no longer exist.

"The motion was seconded by the Rev. J. J. McGaw, and unanimously agreed to."

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Manchester.

JOHN GORDON,
Presbytery Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

The Presbytery, having under consideration the remit of the Synod in regard to the Composition, Selection, Object, and Work of the Synodical Committees, recommend as follows, viz.:—

I. The concentration of the work of the Church under as small a number of Committees as may be consistent with thorough efficiency. In this connection the Presbytery would suggest that possibly the following Committees might be combined, viz.:—

1. The Home Mission Committee, and
   The Church Building and Debt Extinction Committee.
2. The Foreign Missions Committee.
   The Continental Missions Committee.
   The Jewish Mission Committee.
3. The Statistical, and
   The Law and Historical Documents Committees.

The former to be henceforth classed with the Statistical information in

regard to Contributions for the schemes of the Church, hitherto furnished in the Presbyterian Church in England by the Finance Committee.

4. The Synod Fund to be placed under the Finance Committee.

II. The retaining Lancashire as the seat of the Home Mission Committee, and whatever Committees may hereafter be associated with it, as well as of the Sabbath School Committee, as at present.

III. The careful preservation of direct Presbyterial representation on the Committees, the Synod only nominating, on its own initiative, the nucleus of each Committee, the remainder being nominated in a certain definite proportion by the Presbyteries, either absolutely or subject to the approval of the Synod.

IV. The preservation, as far as possible, of an equal numerical representation of the ruling and teaching Eldership on each Committee.

V. The adoption of some system of retiring by rotation, say one-third each year.

(*a*) The Presbytery are of opinion that the Church should contemplate the uniting of the Home Department of the Church's work ultimately under one Home Secretary, as well as the concentration of the funds under one Treasurer, but think the Church will not be ripe for this till the two methods of ministerial support now in operation in the Church are combined. For the same reason they would not advise at this stage such an amalgamation of Committees as would make the work of any one Committee too burdensome. And they would deprecate any action that might have the effect of taking work out of the hands of honoured members of the Church who have heretofore interested themselves in the same.

JOHN BLACK,
Presbytery Clerk.

Newcastle-on-Tyne,
February 13, 1877.

N.B.—The only point in the above recommendations on which there was any difference of opinion in the Presbytery was the section marked "*a*" in the margin. An amendment was proposed that instead of that section the following should be adopted, viz.: "The Presbytery are of opinion that the Church should unite the work of the Church under one General Secretary, and concentrate the funds under one Treasurer." This amendment was put against the recommendations as they stand, when 11 voted for and 13 against the amendment, which was consequently lost, and the recommendations adopted as they stand.

JOHN BLACK.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

[Report of the Committee appointed by Presbytery to consider the remit of Synod and to report thereon.]

I. That the Standing Committees of Synod should be composed half of members chosen by the Synod, and half of members chosen by Presbyteries; both portions to be an equal number of Teaching and Ruling Elders.

II. That all the members should be appointed at first for three years, after which one-third should retire annually.

III. That the Synodical members should be nominated by a Selection Committee of Synod.

IV. That the number of members appointed by Presbyteries should not be less than *Two* from each Presbytery to each Standing Committee.

V. That the various schemes should be grouped under four Standing

Committees, with power to appoint sub-Committees from their own number on the several schemes, the following being suggested as an *approximate grouping* :—

I.

Foreign Missions.
Continental Missions.
Jewish Missions.

II.

Home Mission.
Sabbath Schools.
Church Building, and Debt Extinction.
Widows and Orphans
Aged and Infirm.

III.

College, &c.
Schools.
Probationers.
Publication.
Statistics and Law.

IV.

Sustentation.
Synod Fund.

WILLIAM LIMONT,
Convener.

March 6th, 1877.

This Report has since been adopted by the Presbytery.

SYNOD FUND REPORT,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1877.

THE statement now submitted closes the Synod Fund accounts of the Presbyterian Church in England. The Treasurer has included in the expenditure several considerable items (*e.g.*, 70,000 papers explaining the work and constitution of the Synod's principal Committees for the use of the members of the United Church), which properly belong to the current year's account, believing that as they arose out of the Union now happily accomplished, he was justified in doing so.

He now resigns into the hands of the Synod the office of Treasurer of this Fund.

JAMES WATSON,
Treasurer.

THE TREASURER OF THE SYNOD FUND,

Dr. IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SYNOD. *Cr.*

1876-77.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance from last Account		43 2 7
,, Cash received from the undermentioned Presbyteries:—		
Berwick-on-Tweed	37 8 0	
Birmingham	52 0 0	
Cumberland	26 4 0	
Liverpool	221 8 0	
London	407 4 0	
Manchester	162 15 0	
Newcastle-on-Tyne	173 8 0	
Northumberland	66 12 0	
		1146 19 0
		£1190 1 7

1876-77.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Payment of Travelling Expenses of Ministers and Elders to Meeting of Synod at Liverpool:—		
Berwick-on-Tweed	49 8 0	
Birmingham	30 2 6	
Cumberland	38 14 3	
Liverpool	3 17 11	
London	260 17 7	
Manchester	23 19 0	
Newcastle-on-Tyne	135 13 3	
Northumberland	67 14 9	
Professors, &c.	12 10 0	
		622 17 3
Deputation to Free Church	9 16 0	
,, Irish Assembly	4 17 6	
		14 13 6
,, Honorarium and Allowance to Clerk of Synod ..		50 0 0
,, Printing Daily Proceedings		65 4 4
,, ,, for Union Committee	10 9 6	
,, ,, ,, ,, per Rev. J. Reid ..	15 1 11	
		25 11 5
,, ,, 70,000 Papers regarding Schemes of the Church ..		59 14 7
,, ,, Synod Minutes, &c.		25 9 8
,, ,, Union Committee		42 2 3
,, Reports and Actings and Proceedings		95 1 9
,, Law Expenses, as per Account		78 18 10
,, Incidental Expenses		40 18 2
		1120 11 9
,, Balance in hand		69 9 10
		£1190 1 7

Audited and found correct.
JOHN BELL, *Auditor.*

JAMES WATSON,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE LAW AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1877.

Your Committee, to whom was remitted the duty to consider the whole subject of the forms and procedure in Church Courts, have much pleasure in reporting that they have entered into a minute and careful examination of the theory and practice of the Presbyterian form of Church government, and of the forms and procedure in operation in the late Presbyterian Church in England and the United Presbyterian Church and Free Church of Scotland, with a view to formulate a system of procedure applicable to the Presbyterian Church of England. The examination was especially entrusted to a Sub-Committee, consisting of the Revs. Dr. Edmond, Wm. Ballantyne, and the Convener; and after many sittings they have laid before your Committee the result of their labours as regards the formation, rights, and duties of Congregations; the constitution, powers, and duties of Sessions; and the constitution, functions, and rights of Presbyteries. A portion of the procedure relating to Presbyteries is not yet completed, but your Committee lay the portion now ready before the Synod with a recommendation that the same may be remitted to the Presbyteries for their consideration and suggestions.

Your Committee have not yet entered into the procedure of Deacons' Courts and Boards of Management, yet they venture to express their opinion that something is required to place such Courts or Boards more in harmony with the Congregations when acting in a collective capacity, and also with the other and higher Courts of the Church. Although an annual meeting of the Congregation is generally sanctioned by the Church, and for certain purposes enjoined, no relation has been established between its action and the Deacons' Court or Board of Management; nor is there any appeal from such Court or Board either to the Session, Presbytery, or Synod; whilst, in case of complaint, the Presbytery or Synod can afford no other remedy than that of dissolving the Court or removing the Board, in the latter case subject to the terms of the Trust Deed.

Your Committee do not aim at making any essential change in the procedure of the Church, especially where use and wont have been established; but their aim has been and will be to simplify and liberalise the proceedings, to remodel as far as possible antiquated or obsolete

phraseology, and to place the Directory of the Church in perfect harmony with the existing practice.

Your Committee have had under their consideration the effect of the Union on the registration of the buildings belonging to the Church for worship and marriage, and they have issued a circular to ministers recommending—

1. "That every congregation of the Church whose building is registered for the solemnisation of marriages should communicate the altered name of the Church to the Registrar of births, deaths, and marriages.

2. "That such congregations as have not yet registered their buildings for marriages should at once take the necessary steps to that effect.

3. "That such congregations as have not yet registered their buildings for worship should take the necessary steps to effect the same.

4. "That in all cases of registration for worship and marriages care be taken to add to any special name by which the building may be designated, that such church or chapel is in connection with the 'Presbyterian Church of England.'"

Your Committee are indebted to the Registrar for Births, Marriages, and Deaths, for greatly facilitating such re-registration by making it sufficient to re-register the buildings, already registered, for worship only, and by making that re-registration suffice for the re-registration for marriages also, by which considerable economy in the fees may be effected. Your Committee hope that in future the Registrar General will report the marriages in a uniform manner under the name of the Presbyterian Church of England.

Your Committee have had under their consideration the desirableness of altering and adapting the Model Trust Deed of the former Presbyterian Church in England, and the Deed recommended by the English Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, to the circumstances of the Presbyterian Church of England. The Church Building Committee have already obtained a form of Declaration of Trust to be used as a temporary measure, but no time should be lost in amending the Model Trust Deed for the new churches, manses, and schools to be erected, and your Committee recommend that the utmost care be exercised in the terms of such Trust Deeds, especially as regards the relation which is to exist between such buildings and the Church at large, and also as regards the conditions of adherence to certain fixed doctrinal standards. Your Committee would urge the importance of having all existing deeds deposited in places of safety, where possible in safes connected with the Presbyteries, and, in any case, easily available in case of need. If the original Trust Deeds are in the hand of private individuals, certified copies should always be deposited with the Presbytery Clerks.

In accordance with the instructions of Synod, your Committee have completed, and have now the pleasure of laying before the Synod, the Digest of the Actings and Proceedings of the Presbyterian Church in England, from its first formation in 1836 till its last meeting previous to the Union in 1876. This Digest includes all the decisions of Synod in a chronological and classified order regarding the constitution and worship of the Church, the Home, Foreign, Continental, and Jewish Mission Com-

mittees, the College and School, the Sustentation Fund, Church Building, Widows and Orphans, Aged and Infirm Ministers and Finance, Statistics, the Law and Historical Documents, Sabbath Observance and Temperance, Selations with other Churches, and the names of all Deputations to and from the Church, Matters and Cases concerning Congregations and Presbyteries, Names of all Charges sanctioned by Synod, historical details concerning the older congregations, Minutes regarding distinguished members of the Church, Publications, and much other matter concerning Committees and otherwise of permanent interest to the Presbyterian Church of England, the more so since the first Synod resolved "that the Committees now appointed be instructed to have respect in their administration to the general principles and regulations hitherto in force in the corresponding Committees of the Presbyterian Church in England."

Your Committee have had under their consideration the proposal regarding the reorganisation of the Committees of the Church in so far as it may affect the proper working of this Committee, and they are of opinion that there is a manifest advantage in having a special Synodical Committee to whom may be referred any point of Church law and procedure which may demand legislation, or any point which may require special legal knowledge, and that in their judgment it is inexpedient that the same should be amalgamated with any other Committee. In conclusion they recommend that this Committee may be re-appointed, with power to complete the forms and procedure of all the Church Courts.

LEONE LEVI,

Convener.

PRACTICE

OF

The Presbyterian Church of England.

CHAPTER I.

THE CONGREGATION.

Sect. I.—Constitution of the Congregation.

1. A regularly organised Congregation consists of the Office-bearers and other Members of the Church in full communion, together with their children. Adherents also form part of the Congregation, with limited rights.

2. Any number of persons wishing to be supplied with ordinances may apply to the Presbytery within whose bounds they reside for the purpose, and the Presbytery, if it should deem expedient, recognise their organisation as a preaching-station within the bounds.

3. A Preaching Station may be raised by the Presbytery to the position of a sanctioned charge, or of an organised Congregation.

4. A regular Congregation is under the special charge of the Session duly elected, or as hereinafter provided, which is responsible to the Presbytery. Its Office-bearers are the Minister or Ministers, Elders, and Deacons, or Managers.

5. Application being made to the Presbytery for the formation or recognition of a new Congregation, the application is ordered to lie on the table, and in the meantime a Committee is appointed to inquire into the following particulars:—(1.) The causes and circumstances that have led to the application. (2.) The place in which it is proposed that the Congregation shall statedly assemble for worship. (3.) Whether any neighbouring Congregations have any objection to offer to its erection or recognition. And (4.) The means of grace provided in the district, and the distance of the proposed place from any existing Church.

6. The Committee having given in their report, the Presbytery, taking all the circumstances into consideration, decide according to the general interests of the Church—special heed being given that no existing Congregation shall thereby be injured.

7. Before a Congregation apply for a moderation with a view to the call of a Minister, they should agree what provision they are able to make for his support, and should empower the Commissioners sent to the Presbytery with their petition to report said resolution, and to give any other information the Presbytery may require in regard to their numbers and pecuniary affairs, and the prospects they have of being able to fulfil their intentions.

8. This resolution is the estimate made by the Congregation themselves of the sum they are able in existing circumstances to raise by their voluntary exertions for the support of the Gospel among them. It should be made in good faith, and it is the duty of the individual members to exert themselves, by contributing severally, as God has prospered them, to the raising of the sum, and increasing it so far as is necessary, for the supply of the temporal wants of their Pastor.

9. Should the Congregation feel themselves afterwards unable to raise the sum which, on receiving a moderation, they resolved to provide for their Minister, they are not entitled of themselves to reduce the amount, but should, as soon as the deficiency becomes apparent, communicate the same to the Presbytery, with a statement of the circumstances which have caused it. The Presbytery then institutes the necessary inquiry, and takes such steps as it thinks proper, either in the way of stimulating the Congregation to a discharge of their duty, or of modifying the amount of the stipend, or recommending the Congregation to aid from the general funds of the Church.

10. Should the Presbytery have reason to suspect that a Congregation is falling into arrears, although no communication has been made as above, it ought to institute inquiries of itself, with the view of ascertaining the facts ; and in cases of Congregations paying a supplement, the Presbytery should use diligence to ascertain that the stipend promised is regularly paid.

11. Congregations are bound to make a general return in answer to queries on statistics, annually furnished to them by a Committee of Synod appointed for the purpose. The return is due by the 15th February of each year.

Sect. II.—Membership.

12. All who make a credible profession of faith in Christ, who have been baptised, and who promise by the aid of Divine grace to discharge the duties devolving upon them as Members of the Church, may be admitted by the Session to Membership in full communion in a Congregation.

13. A Member is in full communion with a Congregation so long as his name remains on the Roll of Communicants, cases of suspension under discipline excepted.

14. A Member desirous to leave one Congregation and to connect himself with another, is entitled, as long as his name is on the Roll, to receive a certificate of membership, always provided that he is not at the time a subject of discipline.

Sect. III.—Rights of Members.

15. Members in full communion are entitled to come to the Lord's Table, and to receive baptism for their children.

16. They have a right to vote in the election of the Office-bearers of their own Congregation, including the Minister. Adherents may declare their acquiescence in the call of a Minister by signing a form of concurrence in the same.

17. Any Member of the Congregation may present a petition, to the Session regarding any matter which may affect his spiritual interests or the spiritual interests of the Congregation, or the interests of the Gospel in the locality.

18. Any Member of the Church has right of access to the Presbytery and Synod, through his own Session, by petition or appeal.

19. An Annual Meeting of the Congregation should be held for the purpose of receiving a report from the Deacons' Court or Board of Management of the manner in which the funds of the Church have been distributed, such meeting being convened by intimation from the pulpit.

20. No such meeting of the Congregation can be held except by the authority of the Session or of a Superior Court. The chair at such meeting may be taken either by the Minister, or by the President of the Board of Management, or by such other Member of the Church, prescriptive rights from usage or otherwise being reserved, as may be chosen to do so. Regular adherents of the Congregation, though not entitled to vote on purely spiritual matters, have the same privilege as Members in discussing questions of financial management.

CHAPTER II.

THE SESSION.

Sect. I.—Constitution of the Session.

21. A Session consists of the Minister or Ministers and Elders of a Congregation.

22. The Minister of the Congregation always presides over the Session, and is called the Moderator. Where there are more than one Minister they preside alternately or otherwise as may be settled between them.

23. In the absence of the Moderator, any other Minister of the Church may preside in his room, if deputed by him to do so. The presidency of a Minister is essential to constitute a meeting of Session.

24. In the event of a vacancy in the pastoral office, or absence of the Minister on leave obtained, the Presbytery must nominate one of its Members to act as Moderator of the Session.

25. Should there be no Elders in a Congregation, or the number be deficient, the Presbytery may appoint Elders from within its bounds to act as Members of Session until the deficiency has been supplied.

26. The Session appoints a Clerk, usually one of its number, whose duty it is to take Minutes of the proceedings, and to take charge of all Sessional papers, books, and documents.

Sect. II.—Election, Ordination, and Induction of Elders.

27. The Session should determine when it is expedient to have an election of Elders and the number required.

28. The Elders are elected by the Members of the Congregation in full communion.

29. When an election of Elders is determined upon, the Session should intimate the same to the Congregation on two successive Sabbaths from the pulpit, and invite the same to seek out among its own Members persons suitable to the office. The Session should take care that the persons chosen shall be *bonâ fide* the choice of the majority of thosecommunicants who take part in the election.

30. No one can be nominated as an Elder who is not in full communion with the Congregation.

31. No person can be admitted as an Elder if the Session is dissatisfied with his qualifications, unless its judgment is reversed by the higher Court.

32. If the Session be satisfied with the qualifications of the persons elected, and their consent has been obtained, the Session should appoint a day and hour for the ordination or admission, and direct notice to be given to that effect to the Congregation from the pulpit.

33. The notice should be read by the Minister from the pulpit, and should contain a statement of the steps which have been taken, and the result, adding an intimation that if any person have any objection to the life or doctrine of the persons elected, the same must be given in to the Session at the Meeting, the time and place of which should be specified, with notification that if no objection be then and there given in, the ordination or admission will be proceeded with at the time appointed.

34. If any objections are given in, the persons making objection should be requested to substantiate the same. If the objections appear in the judgment of the Session to be substantial, it must decline to proceed with the ordination or admission until the matter has been duly investigated. If the Session finds that the objections are frivolous and unsupported by evidence, it is its duty to proceed with the ordination or admission as appointed, unless its procedure should be sisted by any appeal against its judgment.

35. The ordination, induction, or admission usually takes place on a Sabbath, in the presence of the Congregation, at one of the services of public worship. The

Session having been constituted, the Moderator gives a narrative of the steps which have been taken, and their result. He then calls upon the elected persons to stand up, and puts the questions prescribed in the formula which are required to be answered satisfactorily; and after these answers have been given, he, in the case of persons not previously ordained as Elders in any Congregation, sets them apart to their office by special prayer, and commends them to the grace of God, accompanied, if it be the practice, by the laying on of the hands of the Session. The Moderator then formally declares them as Members of the Session, and thereafter gives to them the right hand of fellowship, being in so doing followed by the other Members of Session present. In the case of persons formerly ordained as Elders, the Moderator, after receiving satisfactory answers, admits them at once to office. The Moderator afterwards exhorts both the newly-admitted Elders and the people. And the Session will thereafter have their names added to the Roll as Members of Session.

36. The Session ought to keep a correct Roll of its Members.

37. According to their several abilities, it is the duties of the Elders to attend to the religious and moral interests of the people among whom they labour, to visit the sick, to arouse the careless, to instruct the young, to encourage inquirers, to edify and comfort believers, and generally to seek after the fruit of the Ministry.

38. It is the function of the Session to receive the resignation of Elders, if tendered.

Sect. III.—Meetings.

39. The Session, so far as practicable, holds stated Meetings for the transaction of ordinary business, to be summoned by intimation from the pulpit on the preceding Sabbath.

40. The Session may be convened in cases of urgency by the authority of the Moderator, or by command of a superior Court, either by intimation from the pulpit, or by circular to the Members. No meeting of Session can be held at an hour when the Presbytery of the bounds or the higher courts are sitting, except by permission of the same.

41. Two Members of Session with the Moderator constitute a quorum.

42. Every meeting of Session must be both opened and closed with prayer, and the Minutes should state that the Session was so constituted and closed. No extract from the Minutes can be received which does not bear that the Session was "constituted," and which is not certified by the Session Clerk as having been extracted from the Minutes of the Session.

43. Before proceeding to any other business the Minutes of last Meeting should be read and approved, or corrected—provided the same have not been read and approved at the close of that Meeting—and the signature of the Moderator authenticating the Minutes attached to them. But the right of approving or correcting the Minutes does not imply any power to alter the *res gestæ* of the former Meeting. The only question is the correctness of the Minutes as a true record of what was done.

44. It is the duty of the Session to see that its proceedings are accurately recorded by its Clerk, and it is held responsible by the Presbytery for the regular and faithful keeping of the record. Not only must the facts as to the constitution and regular closing of each Meeting be correctly stated, as well as the approval of each Minute, but the names of all the Members present must be recorded. If anything be deleted, a note of the same should be made on the margin, and any word or words omitted must be written on the margin and attested there by the Moderator's or Clerk's initials. The Minutes of each Meeting ought to be signed by the Moderator.

Sect. IV.—Duties of the Session.

45. The Session exercises rule in spiritual matters over the Congregation, and it is its duty to promote the religious interests of all connected with it. Everything affecting the religious concerns of the Congregation belongs to its sphere.

46. It is the function of the Session to fix the times and hours of public worship on the Lord's Day, or any other day, to authorise and regulate the administration of the Sacraments, and to appoint special times for humiliation or thanksgiving.

47. At the first meeting of Session after the admission of the Minister to office by the Presbytery, the fact of his admission and the date thereof ought to be minuted,

48. The Minister is not responsible to the Session for the discharge of his own functions, but for any neglect thereof on his part, or for any encroachment of its functions, complaint may be made from that Court to the Presbytery.

49. The place of worship is at the disposal of the Minister for the spiritual purposes of his office, but he cannot use it or allow it to be used for any purpose which is not of a strictly religious, ecclesiastical, or charitable nature, without the consent of the Deacons' Court.

50. The Session is responsible to the Presbytery for the manner in which all the parts of public worship are conducted.

51. The Session should keep an accurate Roll of the Members in full communion; and a copy of this Roll, revised by the Session, and signed by the Clerk, should be sent to the Presbytery of the bounds every year for attestation.

52. Before any step is taken in the election of a Minister, the Session should have a Roll of Communicants made up and attested by the Moderator and Clerk.

53. No one should be placed on the Communion Roll in any Congregation of the Church unless the Session is satisfied as to his credible profession of faith and competent knowledge of Divine truth, and a life and conversation consistent therewith.

54. The recognised methods by which the Session satisfies itself as to the possession of these qualifications are by a Certificate of Church Membership or by Examination.

55. In case of admission by Certificate, the Session, as soon as it has satisfied itself with the same, inserts the name of the Member on the Roll.

56. A person who seeks admission, without having been previously in full communion with any Church, should satisfy the Session with respect to his qualifications; but it is usual for the Minister to take the principal charge of examining the applicant with respect to his knowledge and deportment. On the Session being satisfied with the qualifications of the applicant, he is admitted to the full communion of the Church, and his name is accordingly added to the Roll.

57. Should any Member wish to be disconnected from the Congregation, the Session is bound to grant him a Certificate when asked for, provided he be in full communion with the Congregation, and no ground of censure be known against him.

The Session should fix a term beyond which a name should not be continued in the Roll if the party has not taken his place at the Lord's Table.

58. Members have direct access to the Session by memorial, on matters connected with the Doctrine, Discipline, or Government, either of the Church as a whole or of the Congregation with which they are immediately connected.

59. Every Session is bound to elect a representative to the Presbytery to sit and vote as a member of the same. Such representative may either be one of its own number, or where needful a *bonâ fide* acting Elder of any other Congregation within the Presbytery. If the representative thus elected die or resign within the period for which his commission would otherwise last, a new election should be made for the remainder of the period. The Session has also a right to elect any *bona fide* acting Elder of the Church to be its representative at the Synod.

60. The Session has no power to review the decisions of the Deacons' Court. If that Court violates the laws of the Church the Session has no other remedy than to petition the Presbytery.

Sect. V.—Discipline on Members of the Church.

61. The Session is bound to exercise discipline upon any Member of the Church for any offence fitted to occasion scandal or tending to bring reproach on religion.

62. In cases where scandal has not arisen, the Session may exercise discipline without the formality of summoning the party to appear before the Court.

63. In cases where scandal has arisen, where the ill conduct of the offender has become flagrant, and where a *fama* is spread, the procedure must be formal and in Court.

64. No discipline can be exercised for an offence committed, or alleged to have been committed, more than five years before the charge is made, unless it be of a heinous nature, or has since become flagrant.

65. The Session may proceed in case of discipline either on the ground of public report or at the instance of a Member of the Church.

66. No charge made by a Member against another Member can be dealt with except in the presence of the party duly cited to appear, and if of a strictly private character until the party complaining has had recourse to personal dealing with him.

67. No charge should be proceeded with until the party has been duly cited. In case of refusal to appear after the third citation, the Session may deal with the charge in his absence.

68. The citation to appear may be written or verbal, but no censure can be administered for non-attendance, except in case of disobedience to a citation.

69. Discipline may be exercised according to the nature and gravity of the offence by means of

Admonition, privately;
Rebuke, in Session;
Suspension from privileges, for a longer or shorter period, and in the case of an Office-bearer, accompanied with suspension from office.
Deposition in the case of an Office-bearer.
Excommunication, or the striking off of the offender's name from the Communion Roll, and declaring him no longer a Member of the Church.

70. Admonition is administered for any act manifestly inconsistent with Christian practice, and consists in solemnly addressing the party charged, placing his sin before him, warning him of his danger, and exhorting him to greater circumspection.

71. Rebuke is administered by the Moderator in Session where the Member charged with a scandalous offence is, after having been dealt with by the Session, convicted, or induced to make confession of guilt.

72. Suspension from privileges is resorted to where, after a rebuke for the offences referred to, the person charged makes neither profession of repentance nor promise of amendment, or where, after a profession of repentance and promise of amendment, the profession is not borne out and the promise not kept. The suspension may be removed as soon as the Session sees sufficient ground for doing so. In the case of an Office-bearer, suspension from privileges implies also suspension from office.

73. An Office-bearer may be deposed from his office upon conviction or confession of some gross immorality or dangerous heresy, or in consequence of contumacious resistance to the authority of the Church Courts.

74. In cases of peculiar aggravation, where the offence is obstinately denied although fully proved, or if acknowledged is justified, and where the individual continues impenitent and contumacious, the offender's name is struck off the Communion Roll, and he is declared no longer a Member of the Church.

75. Where the offence is of a grave character, the Session may refer the matter to the Presbytery before proceeding further in it, and if entertained, the reference brings up all parties to the bar of the Presbytery; but it is competent to the Presbytery to refer the matter back to the Session with or without instructions.

76. Upon receiving any instructions from the Presbytery respecting any one of the matters referred to it, the Session must adopt the same in dealing with the charge.

77. A Member of the Congregation who absconds during a process against him, or who leaves the Congregation on being dealt with or suspended, is a fugitive from Discipline; and his name may formally be erased from the Communion Roll.

Sect. VI.—Discipline on Elders and Deacons.*

78. If a charge be brought or a *fama* arise against an Elder or a Deacon, the Session must, before proceeding with it, institute a preliminary inquiry, giving an opportunity to the accused of offering an explanation.

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* The following cardinal rules of evidence may be useful:—

1. The best evidence the nature of the case admits of should always be produced; if not, then the next best evidence that can be had should be allowed.
2. Hearsay is not evidence, for two reasons; first, because what the other person said was not upon oath; and, second, because the party who is to be affected by it had no opportunity of cross-examining him.

79. If he deny the charge or say that there is no foundation for the *fama*, the Session may proceed in the inquiry on the same, and upon conviction the party may be suspended from privileges, and suspended or deposed from office.

80. The Session has no right to exercise discipline on the Minister, who is subject to the immediate jurisdiction of the Presbytery.

81. The ends of discipline are the glory of God, the purity of the Church, and the spiritual benefit of the Church Members. Nothing should be admitted as a subject for discipline but what is distinctly condemned by the Word of God, and what is likely to occasion scandal upon the cause of Christ, or may interfere manifestly with spiritual edification.

Sect. VII.—Dissent and Appeal.

82. Any Member of Session present at the Meeting may enter his Dissent from any part of its procedure which he conceives to be contrary to the Word of God, the Acts of Synod, the received order of the Church, or the interest of Christ's cause. He may require the Dissent to be marked on the record. In order to be received, the Dissent must be given immediately when the judgment dissented from is arrived at, and consequently can be given in by those only who are present at the time.

83. If reasons for the Dissent be given in along with it, both the Dissent and the Reasons ought to be engrossed in the record. If the Dissent itself be duly given in, intimation may be also given that Reasons for it will be added at a subsequent meeting, in which case it is competent for the Session to receive the Reasons when produced, and also to answer them if it see cause. But the Session is not bound to enter those Reasons in the record. They may be preserved among the Sessional documents. A simple Dissent is not sufficient to enable the person dissenting to bring the matter under the review of a superior Court.

84. A Member of Session may not only enter his Dissent from a judgment, but Appeal also to the Presbytery. A notice of Appeal can be received only at the time when the judgment complained of is pronounced, and is incompetent at a subsequent meeting. Reasons of Appeal must be lodged with the Session Clerk within ten days from the date of the judgment. Copies of these Reasons, with all the papers and extracts of Minutes belonging to the case out of which the Appeal has arisen, must be transmitted by the Appellant to the Clerk of Presbytery. The copies, papers, and extracts must be all duly certified by the Moderator or Session Clerk.

85. The effect of an Appeal carried out in regular form is to bring the proceedings of the Session under the review of the Presbytery; and the Appellants and all parties in the case, as well as the majority of the Session, are thereby sisted at the bar of the Presbytery. The giving in of a Dissent and Complaint has the effect of staying the procedure of the Session in the matter to which the Complaint relates, until either a final decision by the Presbytery or Synod is pronounced, or the case or the Complaint be abandoned (but see 81). A Complaint may be abandoned at any time; but it is always assumed to be abandoned if the reasons be not lodged with the Session Clerk or Moderator within ten days.

86. The parties in a case have the same right of Appeal as Members of the Court.

87. The right of the Appellant to prosecute his Appeal being always reserved,

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3. A confession to be admissible must be free and voluntary.
4. When the party accused, in open court, confesses that he is guilty of the offence, a trial is unnecessary, and the Court may immediately proceed to award judgment.
5. Presumptive or circumstantial evidence is receivable. The presumption may be either violent, as where the facts and circumstances proved *necessarily* attend the fact presumed; or, probable, as where the facts and circumstances proved *usually* attend the fact presumed; or light or rash, which, however, has no weight or validity at all.
6. Parol evidence should never be received where there is written evidence of the same fact.
7. Parol evidence should not be received of anything which is not immediately within the knowledge of the party; he must speak of facts which happened in his presence or within his hearing.
8. Evidence of collateral facts not pertinent to the issue is not admissible.

the Session may disregard any Appeal which, in its judgment, is of a frivolous character.

88. The Session may refer any case, or any branch of a case, to the Presbytery for advice. The whole case may be referred *simpliciter* without any remark being made upon it, or some special point of difficulty may be referred for solution. The matter referred and the resolution to refer ought to be transmitted to the Clerk of Presbytery, along with the whole particulars of the case, or so much thereof as will make the Reference understood. Although a Reference brings up all parties, care should be taken that they are all duly informed that the Reference has been made. The Session instructs its Clerk to prepare and transmit to the Clerk of Presbytery the papers, documents, and extracts which the case of reference requires.

89. A party may be summoned if he be present, by personal notice given to him. The personal citation ought to be in writing, according to a form furnished by the Session Clerk, and the Clerk or Moderator ought to retain a copy of this written citation in order that he may report upon the subject with accuracy, so as to give clear evidence to the Session or the Superior Court that the party had been duly summoned.

90. It is competent for the Session itself to petition the Presbytery or the Superior Court.

91. Appellants are entitled to such extracts from the Minutes of Session, and to copies of such papers in the Session's hands, as are necessary to enable them to bring the subjects of their appeals fully before the Presbytery. But the Session Clerk is not at liberty, in any instance whatever, to give extracts from the Minutes without the sanction of the Session.

92. It is the duty of the Session to explain to parties when necessary the rules and forms of Church procedure, so that no injury may be done in any case through ignorance of such rules and forms.

CHAPTER III.

THE PRESBYTERY.

Sect. I. Constitution of Presbytery.

93. The Presbytery is a Court of the Church placed immediately above the Session.

94. A Presbytery consists of the Ministers of all the congregations within the bounds assigned to it by the Synod, and of a *bonâ fide* acting representative Elder chosen by each Session within the same.

*95. A colleague and successor to any Minister can only sit as constituent member of Presbytery in the absence of the senior minister.

96. Professors of Theology are "ex-officio" Members of the Presbytery within whose bounds the Theological College is situated.

97. A Presbytery may associate with itself in its deliberations, *pro tempore*, any ordained Minister or Elder of other Presbyteries of the Church or of any federated Minister who may be present, with the right to speak, but not to vote. Ministers and Elders from other Presbyteries may be added as assessors to a Presbytery for particular purposes by the Synod.

98. A ruling Elder cannot be allowed to take his seat in the Presbytery without a Commission, or any *bonâ fide* Elder of another Congregation from within the bounds of the Presbytery certified on extract from the meeting or the Session, showing that he is and has been duly elected, and has been daily sustained.

99. In the event of death or retirement of a ruling Elder a successor should be elected by the Session within one month thereafter.

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* This Article is still under the consideration of the Committee.

100. An Elder, duly enrolled, continues member of the Court unless and until he resigns, or is judicially deprived of his office.

101. An Elder may, with the sanction of his Session, resign his Commission into the hands of his Session, or may for cause shown be judicially deprived of it, and in either case, or in the event of his death, the Session must elect another in his place.

102. The close of the synodical year is held to terminate all existing commissions and, therefore, new commissions should be issued for the first meeting of the Presbytery thereafter ensuing.

103. The Officials of the Presbytery are the Moderator and the Clerk, or Clerks and Treasurer.

104. The Moderator of Presbytery must be a Minister of the Gospel.

105. The order of succession in the roll is commonly followed in the election of Moderator, but the Presbytery may elect any Ministerial Member it pleases, and in the event of the Moderator ceasing to be a member of Presbytery, or by judicial Act of Presbytery, Moderator during his term of office, in that case his successor is elected only till the end of the year, or such term as the Presbytery may appoint.

106. In the absence of the Moderator, one of his predecessors in office, and failing him, the oldest Minister present, presides; and in so doing, he enters into all the rights and duties of the Moderator, though in signing any document, he must add to his signature "*pro tempore.*"

107. It is the duty of the Moderator to preside over the devotional exercises of the Presbytery, and to pronounce the blessing at the close of each meeting. He must see that the laws are observed in the conduct of business. He must maintain order and protect each member of Court in the exercise of their rights. It is his privilege to rule points of form, and, as *primus inter pares*, to take precedence of all the Members, though he is in all matters subject to and only the official organ of the Presbytery in keeping order, announcing decisions, administering rebukes and admonitions, in instructing parties at the bar, and in calling upon Members to state their views, to give their votes, or to discharge any functions which have been assigned to them. While in the chair, the Moderator may not take part in any debate upon the merits, but he may ask leave to vacate the chair for the purpose of expressing his opinion, the chair being then occupied by another Member according to the preceding section, and state as a Member of Court his opinion, or even make a second motion. At the ordination of a Minister, or at the licensing of a Probationer, the acting Moderator puts the appointed questions, offers up the appointed prayers and delivers the appointed exhortations.

108. If a Moderator is a party in a cause, he must, while that cause is under adjudication, vacate the chair.

109. The Moderator has only a casting vote, in case of equality among the Members.

110. The Clerk and Treasurer must be chosen by the Presbytery, and are usually members of the same, and as such, they retain all their rights. The duties of the Clerk are to keep an accurate roll of the Members; to minute the business of the Court; to take charge of the Presbytery papers, and to give extracts of minutes under the authority of Presbytery.

Sect. II.—Functions and Powers of Presbytery.

111. The Presbytery has power to receive and decide questions from Sessions and to determine all references, complaints and appeals from the same.

It takes cognisance of all matters relating to the spiritual condition of the Congregation within its bounds. It sanctions the erection of new churches and approves of the sites of the same.

It examines students of divinity, licenses probationers, and judges of the qualifications of Licentiates when called to the Ministerial office.

It sees that the Word is preached, Divine ordinances regularly dispensed, and the various duties of the Ministry discharged amongst the Congregations. It receives accessions to, and looses Ministers from their charges.

It makes provision for the supply of vacant pulpits, ordains licentiates to the office of Ministry, inducts Ministers into pastoral charges, and translates them to other Congregations, or sets missionaries apart for work at home and abroad.

It judges in all cases where accusations are brought against Ministers or Preachers in matters affecting their life or doctrine.

It takes the oversight of Sabbath and Day Schools.

It discusses Overtures sent down by the Synod, and sends up Petitions or Overtures to Synod on any subject calling for notice or reform. And generally the Presbytery has power and jurisdiction over its own Members, Sessions, Congregations, Students and Licentiates, over Schools, and all matters which the Synod may from time to time commit to its charge and supervision.

112. The sanction of the Presbytery is required for any sale or transference of churches, manses, or other buildings, which by title-deeds have become the property of the Church.

113. A Presbytery has no legislative powers like the Synod : it has only executive or administrative powers and functions.

114. It is the duty of the Presbytery, as a Court, to execute the laws and observe the injunctions issued by the Synod ; and to see that all subject to its jurisdiction, in their several places and relations, do the same.

Sect. III.—Locality of Presbytery.

115. The locality, bounds, and name of a Presbytery are fixed by the Synod. The Synod may erect any new Presbytery, and fix the place where the Presbytery is to sit. The Presbytery may, however, occasionally meet anywhere within the territory over which it presides.

Sect. IV.—Meetings.

116. Three Members, whereof two must be Ministers, constitute a Quorum, and are competent to perform all ordinary Presbyterial business.

117. A Presbytery should hold its stated Meetings at certain set times and places, but may also meet at such other time and place as it may arrange and appoint ; but without permission of Synod no Presbytery can meet beyond its own bounds during the sittings of the Synod.

118. Should a Quorum not be present on the appointed day for ordinary meetings, the Presbytery, as a formal Presbytery, becomes defunct, and will remain so till resuscitated by Synod, or by special summons by the Moderator to all the members. In the latter case, the Presbytery should report the circumstance to the Synod at its next meeting.

119. Besides its ordinary Meetings, a Presbytery may hold Meetings in *hunc effectum* and Meetings *pro re nata*.

120. A Meeting *in hunc effectum* is appointed at an ordinary Meeting, for some special object or objects, which must be stated at the time of such appointment and recorded in the Minutes, and only objects thus stated and minuted can be taken up at such Meeting.

121. A *pro re nata* Meeting of Presbytery is summoned in a case of emergency by circular, and only by the ordinary Moderator for the time being ; and sufficient time must be allowed for all the Members to be present.

122. The Moderator may summon such Meeting, either on his own responsibility, or on a requisition from two or more of the brethren, the reasons being stated in the requisition. The Moderator, however, may refuse to call the Meeting ; but if challenged he must justify such refusal before the next stated or ordinary Meeting.

123. The business for which the Meeting is called must be stated in the circular, and no other business can be taken up.

124. The Moderator after constituting the meeting, explains the reasons why he has summoned the brethren together ; and the first question is, *approve* or *disapprove* of the Moderator's conduct in calling the Meeting? and if it be *disapprove* no business can be transacted.

125. The proceedings at a *pro re nata* Meeting are conducted precisely as at an ordinary Meeting—motions, dissents, complaints, appeals, &c., being in the same way.

126. The Minutes of a *pro re nata* Meeting must be read at the next stated or ordinary Meeting for confirmation in the usual way.

127. At such stated or ordinary Meeting, it is competent to revise or reverse the proceedings of a *pro re nata* Meeting, if such proceedings were in violation of the law or usage of the Church.

128. No Commissions from new Elders can be received at a *pro re nata* Meeting, nor can any person sit therein, but the *bonâ fide* Members of Presbytery.

129. After a Presbytery has been constituted by prayer, the Clerk reads the Minutes of the preceding Meeting or Meetings, which when pronounced to be correct are sustained, that is declared to be an authentic narrative of the transactions or proceedings of such Meeting or Meetings, and they are signed by the Moderator in the Chair and by the Clerk.

130. The Minutes, however, at the option of the Court, may be framed as the business proceeds; and being read and sustained, may be signed at the close of the Meeting.

131. It is customary, and ordinarily expedient, to take up first the business raising from the Minutes, and afterwards other matter in order as the Presbytery may arrange.

132. Of matters or motions of importance, it is expedient that notice should be given at the meeting preceding that at which they are to be considered. If such matter is not brought forward at the Meeting stated in the notice, notice should be given *de novo* before it can be taken up.

133. It is competent at any time to order any business to lie on the table till a subsequent Meeting, unless the Synod has enjoined the time for its consideration and decision.

134. If any words are deleted from or inserted by an interlineation into the Minutes, the accuracy of the same must be certified by the initials in the margin by the Moderator or Clerk.

135. The Presbytery at its first Meeting in each year attests the Communion Roll of each Church within the bounds.

136. The proper mode of proposing any matter for the adoption of the Presbytery is by motion or resolution, and such motion or resolution, when seconded, can neither be withdrawn nor altered but by consent of Court; and the proper mode of opposing such proposition is by a counter-motion, resolution, or amendment.

137. Upon a motion submitted to the Court, no member is entitled to speak on its merits more than once with the exception of the mover, who, in case of any amendment, has a right to reply. Any member may be heard in addition, however, in explanation, subject to the ruling of the Moderator.

138. A Member may second *simpliciter* any motion, reserving his right to speak afterwards.

139. A motion is not formally before the House till seconded; and if not seconded, it lapses.

140. The amendment in like manner if not seconded, lapses.

141. If there are three motions before the Court, the third is first put to the vote as an amendment against the second, and whichever of them carries is then put against the first. If there are more than three motions, the last is put against the one immediately preceding, and so on, in order till one of them is finally carried by a majority of votes in its favour.

142. A speaker is not to be interrupted, it being a special duty of the Chair to protect him from annoyance; but if he violates any standing rule or order any Member may call him to order, which it is the duty of the Chair to enforce.

Sect. V.—Licensing of Probationers.

143. When a student has passed through the prescribed *curriculum*, and also passed the exit examination by the Synodical Board of Examination, he presents the necessary certificates to the Presbytery, and on the proposal of a member is received for preparatory trials in order to license.

144. The Presbytery to which such application ought to be made is either the Presbytery within whose bounds the Congregation of which he is a member is situated, or the Presbytery within whose bounds the Student was domiciled prior to attending College during his last session, or the Presbytery within whose bounds he is at the time domiciled.

145. The party applying for a Student to be received on trials must lay on the table (1) Certificates from the Professors that the Student has attended the full *curriculum*, or is now studying during his last session; that he has satisfactorily performed all the prescribed exercises, and conducted himself as became his prospects; (2) Certificate of his having passed the exit examination as above; (3) a testimonial from the session of the Church of which the Student is a member; (4) Certificate that the candidate shall have attained to the age of twenty-one years before he receives licence.

146. The Presbytery then prescribes to the candidate the following exercises:— 1. A Lecture on a Passage of Scripture; 2 A Thesis in Latin on a controverted topic in Theology; 3. An Exegetical Discourse on some passage, either from the Greek or Hebrew Scriptures, or both; 4. A popular sermon; 5. A portion of ecclesiastical history. Such examination should be conducted in the presence of the Presbytery by some member specially appointed for the purpose; and on dogmatic theology generally. He should also read before the Presbytery a selected portion of the Scriptures.

147. If a candidate at any stage of his trials requires to remove beyond the bounds, and the Presbytery is satisfied with the cause of the removal, they give him a transference to the Presbytery within whose bounds he goes to reside, certifying to such Presbytery the subjects of trials, if any, that have been prescribed, the parts of them that have been performed, and whether with approbation, giving him also a Presbyterial certificate; and then, the latter Presbytery shall, without any review of the parts gone through before the former, proceed with the remainder of the trials, as if the candidate had from the outset appeared before themselves.

148. After the candidate has gone through the prescribed trials the Presbytery takes the whole into consideration; and, if satisfied therewith, it declares him qualified to receive licence; whereupon the Moderator proposes to the candidate the prescribed questions, and the candidate having given an affirmative answer to each of the foregoing questions, he is then required to subscribe the *Formula.*

149. The candidate shall then subscribe also the Confession of Faith.

150. The Moderator then engages in prayer to implore the Divine blessing upon the act about to be performed; and, having concluded, thus addresses the candidate— "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of this Church, and by warrant and appointment of this Presbytery, I do hereby license you to preach the glorious Gospel of the Grace of God, or words to that effect. And then he shall address him, exhorting him to be diligent, prayerful, and faithful in the discharge of the functions with which he has been entrusted.

151. The Members of Presbytery then give him the right hand of fellowship, and the Clerk is instructed to grant him an attested extract of his licence.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1877.

The Presbyterian Church of England as it emerged from the Presbyterian Church in England and the English Congregations of the United Presbyterian Church consisted of 259 Congregations, divided into ten Presbyteries, viz.: Berwick, Northumberland, Newcastle, Carlisle, Darlington, Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, Bristol, London, and your Committee have the pleasure to report that full returns have been received from 229 Congregations, one of which, from Derby Road, Liverpool Presbytery, came too late for insertion.

DATES.

The Dates inserted in connection with each Congregation exhibit the time when each Congregation was founded, and the time when the present minister was inducted, ordained, or settled in the same. It will be seen that five Congregations, viz.: Lowick, Stamfordham, Risley, Wharton, and Howard Street, North Shields, date as far back as the memorable year 1662; that Brampton, St. James', Alnwick, Etal, John Knox, Newcastle, were founded in the seventeenth century, and that Mile End, South Shields, Bavington, Branton, South Church, Norham, Crookham, Haltwhistle, Spittal, Harbottle, Aston Tirrold, and Wigan, all belong to the first half of the eighteenth century. These Dates, as well as those of the induction and ordination of Ministers, will need revision, and your Committee will be obliged for any information on the subject.

TENURE.

Tenure.

The tenure of the Buildings connected with the Church was as follows :—

Presbyteries.	Freeholds.	Leaseholds.	Copyholds.	Perpetuity.	No Returns.	Total.
Berwick	8	3	—	—	5	16
Northumberland ..	13	7	1	1	3	25
Newcastle.. ..	22	8	3	—	9	42
Carlisle	10	1	—	1	1	13
Darlington ..	14	2	—	—	2	18
Liverpool.. ..	19	4	—	—	6	29
Manchester ..	13	8	1	2	4	28
Birmingham ..	8	3	1	—	2	14
Bristol	3	4	—	1	1	9
London	29	21	—	—	15	65
	139	61	6	5	48	259

Of the 211 Congregations which have returned the tenure, 65 per cent. were Freehold, 28 per cent. Leasehold, and 7 per cent. Copyhold or held in perpetuity.

INSURANCE.

Insurance. The insurance upon these Buildings amounted to £525,590, a large sum, upon which the annual premium must be considerable. Would it not be possible to establish a system of mutual insurance?

DEBTS.

Debts. The Debts upon Churches and Manses amounted in all to £109,831, fully 40 per cent. of which were on the Churches in the Presbytery of London.

SITTINGS.

Sittings. And these buildings had together 113,584 sittings, of which 55,596 were let or appropriated, or in the proportion of only 48 per cent. In several, especially in the Presbyteries of Newcastle, Darlington, and Liverpool, many Congregations appear to have adopted the system of not letting their sittings. Nevertheless, as a whole, the results are unsatisfactory.

Policy of letting.

The proportion of sittings available to those let in the different Presbyteries was as follows:—

	Proportion Let.
Berwick	62
Northumberland	49
Newcastle-on-Tyne	50
Carlisle	53
Darlington	33
Liverpool	51
Manchester	48
Birmingham	21
Bristol	43
London	51

GOVERNMENT.

The government of the Church is entrusted to 1291 Elders, 542 Deacons, and 1686 Managers.

COMMUNICANTS.

The membership of the Church consisted of 46,540 Communicants. Classified according to the number of Communicants, the Congregations in the different Presbyteries were as follow:—

	Under 200.	200 to 400.	400 and upwards.	No Return.	Total.
Berwick	3	9	1	3	16
Northumberland	15	8	—	2	25
Newcastle	20	8	6	8	42
Carlisle	9	3	—	1	13
Darlington	15	1	2	—	18
Liverpool	12	5	7	5	29
Manchester	18	6	2	2	28
Birmingham	13	—	—	1	14
Bristol	6	2	—	1	9
London	29	11	8	17	65
	140	53	26	40	259

A considerable number of our Congregations have but few members, as many as fifty Congregations having fewer than 100 members. The large Congregations are principally in the Presbyteries of Newcastle, Liverpool, and London.

Your Committee cannot compare the number of Communicants this year with previous years, having not the data for the whole Church. But taking the movement as indicated in the numbers that have come and gone during the year, it will be seen that whilst 6923 Communicants have been added by admission for the first time and by certificate, as many as 5448 have been removed either by certificate, death, or lapsing, leaving only 1475 of gain. These calculations may, however, be greatly affected by the condition of those Congregations which have sent no return, for experience has taught that those are generally found to be declining or unsatisfactory.

MARRIAGES, BAPTISMS, AND DEATHS.

During the year there were recorded 505 marriages, 2941 baptisms, and 660 deaths.

CHRISTIAN WORK.

The workers in the Church were 1466 district visitors, 1990 members of Dorcas Societies, and 4775 Sabbath-school teachers, having under their care 45,741 scholars. There were, moreover, connected with the Church 7169 day scholars, 3013 members of Young Men's Societies, and 5925 members of Bible Classes.

STIPENDS.

The stipends of the Ministers amounted to £63,214, of which 40 per cent. passed through the Sustentation or Augmentation Fund, and 60 per cent. were contributed as supplement by the Congregations. The state of stipends throughout the Church appears to be as follows :—

Presbyteries.	£200 and under.	Over £200 and under £500.	£500 and £1000.	£1000 and upwards.	No returns.	Total.
Berwick	12	—	—	—	4	16
Northumberland ..	23	1	—	—	1	25
Newcastle ..	23	11	1	—	7	42
Carlisle	10	2	—	—	1	13
Darlington ..	6	9	—	—	3	18
Liverpool ..	5	12	8	—	4	29
Manchester ..	3	19	3	—	3	28
Birmingham ..	8	6	—	—	—	14
Bristol	3	5	—	—	1	9
London	13	21	12	4	15	65
	106	86	24	4	39	259

The average Stipend of Ministers over the whole Church in 1876 was £287.

FINANCES.

The financial resources of the Church are estimated by the amount contributed to her various purposes by Seat-rents and Collections, by Donations and Subscriptions. It must be understood, however,

that account can be taken of only that which passes through the organised channels of Deacons' Courts or Boards of Management. Of deeds of benevolence and liberality performed privately, or of sums paid through other channels, nothing is known. The returns sent to your Committees of sums contributed to the various Missions or "schemes" of the Church differ, moreover, sometimes from the amount received by the Treasurers, the latter in many cases acknowledging in one year what remained unacknowledged in the previous year. The sums taken in the table are those acknowledged by the Treasurers.

The finances of the Church are partly Congregational and partly Synodical.

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.

Towards the ordinary purposes of the Congregation—viz., the maintenance of the edifice, the payment of stipends and salaries, the provision for the poor and other congregational objects—the sum contributed was £98,072, of which £35,523 was by Seat-rents, being a proportion of 36 per cent. Following the proportion indicated in the amount of sittings let, the least amount obtained from this source appeared in the Presbytery of Darlington. Besides the ordinary purposes, however, there are year by year special efforts made for the repair of the church, the building of new churches, or the payment of portions of debts, and for these there were contributed £39,016, making in all the sum of £137,088.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.

If we now add to this amount the contributions for Synodical purposes, in the sum of £27,774, we have a total received for the various objects of the Presbyterian Church through the Presbyteries, or paid through the United Presbyterian Church, of £153,238, being in the proportion of £3 5s. 11d. per Communicant.

TOTALS.

Comparing the membership with the total contributions in the different Presbyteries, the following results are obtained:—

Presbyteries.	Communicants.	Total amount. £	Per member. £ s. d.
Berwick	3507	5374	1 16 3
Northumberland ..	4012	5445	1 7 1
Newcastle	9018	19315	2 2 10
Carlisle	1845	3598	1 19 0
Darlington.. ..	2866	10936	3 16 1
Liverpool	7074	20885	2 19 0
Manchester ..	4620	20219	4 8 6
Birmingham ..	1299	5664	4 7 2
Bristol ..	1353	5866	4 6 8
London	10946	55936	5 2 2
	46540	153238	3 10 1

Add to this amount the sums received in Donations, Legacies, Interest, Scholarships, and from Scotland and from Colonies, &c., £6210 2s., and £5414 Thanksgiving Fund, and we have a grand total of £164,862.

Acting on the authority granted by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England, the Convener has obtained the assistance of Mr. Thomas Brown, Accountant, son of the esteemed Minister at Jersey, in the preparation of the tables, which is a work of considerable and increasing labour.

LEONE LEVI,

Convener.

GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ENGLAND.

PART I.—CONGREGATIONAL.

GENERAL STATISTICS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND,
PRESENTED TO THE SYNOD IN 1877.

PART I.—CONGREGATIONAL.

F, Freehold; L, Leasehold and number of years; C, Copyhold; P, Perpetuity.

CHURCHES.									OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.					MARRIAGES &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.						
CONGREGATION.	Date.	Date of Minister's Ordination or Induction.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT. Church.	DEBT. Manse.	Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings Let.	Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificates.	No. Removed by Certificates.	Number lapsed, dead, &c.	Number on Last Revised Roll.	Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.
PRESBYTERIES.																									
BERWICK.				£	£	£																			
Ancroft Moor	1845	1860	F	...	*160	...	280	156	4	2	6	3	23	36	3	137	2	15	3	...	...	2	17	40	...	8
Beaumont Union	1850	...	L 76	800	...	...	399	305	6	...	7	8	50	32	4	286	5	8	4	13	...	6	60	...	...	16
Belford—Columba	1840	1851	F	900	200	...	370	130	3	4	...	6	17	11	4	138	...	8	1	...	...	2	21	...	...	...
,, —Erskine	1788	...	L 60	...	210	...	360	246	7	...	12	6	62	54	18	229	5	16	5	...	...	6	56	...	...	15
Berwick—Bank Hill	1846	1863	L 300	800	...	...	400	312	8	7	...	10	13	36	...	273	5	12	7	...	...	11	70	...	...	30
,, —Church Street ...	1812		no return																						
,, —Wallace Green ...	1771	...	F	6500	†572	...	1031	860	16	...	21	31	23	34	74	773	2	24	22	45	16	...	443	...	...	75
Chatton	1850		no return																						
Crookham	1742	1864	F	...	...	...	600	258	5	7	...	14	13	25	...	246	2	16	5	...	...	3	43	34	...	13
Etal	1696	1866	...	400	...	...	400	247	4	2	...	12	40	50	7	230	1	14	4	...	...	8	60	...	...	12
Horncliffe	1853	1858	F	800	...	70	325	203	7	..	...	8	29	27	3	220	1	14	3	...	...	5	82	100	...	26
Lowick	1662	1874	F	750	...	150	400	180	7	6	...	15	47	78	8	262	2	15	4	6	...	4	36	...	...	40
Norham—North Church ...	1840	1858	F	...	...	300	450	216	4	4	...	7	10	8	3	210	2	14	3	4	5	8	65	...	...	13
,, —South Church ...	1737	1870	no return																						
Spital	1752	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	..	15	10	20	20	16	310	...	37	11	...	...	19	160	...	...	60
Tweedmouth	1840	1854	F & C	800	...	300	400	249	5	3	10	6	10	23	2	193	3	13	3	8	...	8	60	100	...	10
				11750	1142	820	5415	3362	85	35	71	136	357	434	142	3507	30	206	75	76	21	82	1173	274	...	318
NORTHUMBERLAND.																									
Alnwick—Clayport Street ...	1753	1852	F	...	..	...	600	...	8	...	9	7	11	17	17	237	...	15	8	...	...	14	90	...	12	22
,, —Lisburn Street ...	1837	1843	F	1000	...	...	420	160	8	...	12	6	10	5	11	164	1	6	11	4	...	9	50	...	...	10
St. James'	1669	1871	F	800	...	...	450	387	7	...	14	14	48	35	17	307	7	1	4	7	...	12	91	...	...	...
Bedlington	1813	1845	...	...	...	...	200	150	3	...	5	3	10	5	1	95	1	6	4	...	...	3	34	46		

Embleton	...	...	L 64	...	...	...	340	...	4	...	3	20	33	38	14	208	3	13	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	12
Felton	1819	1873	L	...	...	160	300	188	3	...	8	3	28	11	1	159	...	15	1	..	...	5	54	...	...	22
Glanton	1842	1866	F	500	...	...	520	407	8	6	...	14	24	46	18	298	4	32	18	12	...	9	90	62	...	20
Harbottle	1756	1871	L 999	800	...	...	450	271	4	...	6	4	15	38	...	223	1	17	3	...	...	4	40	...	...	20
Longframlington	1842	1862	F	...	...	...	200	70	3	...	8	3	10	13	2	72	...	8	1	3	...	8	97	...	...	...
Morpeth	1842	1842	F	4000	...	...	850	445	6	14	...	9	9	...	...	235	7	23	...	17	...	34	317	186	70	60
Newbiggin	1863	1870	F	...	...	...	300	85	2	2	3	3	9	6	3	81	...	4	...	...	...	6	41	...	...	...
North Middleton	...	...	L 999	...	...	...	300	123	5	...	6	1	6	4	9	102	...	18	5	...	...	3	35	...	...	...
North Sunderland—West Chrch			no return																									
,, —East Church	...	...	C	...	...	.	300	81	4	...	...	...	9	13	...	90	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Otterburn	1831	...	F	600	...	...	250	163	4	...	11	6	4	6	5	144	2	10	5	...	...	4	26	...	...	9
Thropton	1799	1851	L 199	400	...	...	300	160	5	...	2	8	13	6	14	142	3	11	7	...	...	7	87	...	...	...
Warenford	1842	1867	P	...	...	...	350	234	4	9	...	9	32	31	17	203	...	10	5	14	...	5	41	...	...	11
Warkworth	1828	1871	F	...	...	...	300	199	3	...	10	5	24	15	16	198	5	10	5	...	...	4	30	...	...	...
Widdrington	1842	1845	F	750	...	...	300	149	6	2	6	...	...	...	...	170	4	15	...	...	...	5	60	...	...	...
Wooler—Cheviot Street ...	1700	1833	L	...	...	...	875	482	6	...	8	15	33	39	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	4	52	...	...	20
,, —Tower Hill	1737	1868	...	1400	...	...	430	133	3	...	7	12	12	4	3	153	1	14	2	...	...	3	30	...	...	...
,, —West Chapel	1842	1843	F	...	...	...	560	255	5	3	4	8	23	25	7	196	...	13	7	...	...	4	33	149	...	13
				12800	..	160	9775	4807	120	42	137	170	377	363	169	4012	42	284	97	63	...	168	1525	503	82	268
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.																												
Bellingham	1806	1871	F	600	...	...	255	191	6	...	10	4	5	3	15	190	3	12	9	...	...	14	90	...	...	12
Blackhill...	...		no return																									
Blyth—Bridge Street ...	1842	1873	L	1000	...	...	...	...	6	...	9	...	20	20	...	116	...	10	...	...	30	25	205	...	...	12
,, —Waterloo Road	1827	1861	F	5000	...	...	600	340	8	...	9	6	14	3	6	215	...	9	4	14	...	41	370	...	...	30
Durham	1872	...	F	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	12	8	12	10	...	103	...	8	...	4	...	7	50	...	15	...
Falstone	1839	1875	F	...	50	...	270	210	11	...	7	18	4	4	2	172	2	28	2	8	...	9	94	132	...	13
Gateshead—Durham Road	...	...	F	600	...	...	300	300	3	...	15	30	39	17	...	272	...	20	...	...	15	27	225	...	...	30
,, —Ellison Street	...	...	F	800	...	...	450	240	6	7	...	19	44	28	11	246	2	30	3	12	6	18	140	...	...	27
Hebburn	1869	1876	L 77	6000	...	...	600	165	4	10	...	14	32	20	3	184	...	34	3	4	...	16	160	160	28	35
Hexham	1830	1856	F	700	...	...	360	...	7	...	12	12	4	20	1	132	...	...	...	..	...	14	130	...	...	10
Houghton-le-Spring ...	1825	1869	no return																									
Jarrow—Ellison Street	...	...	99	3000	1000	...	920	...	14	...	12	...	31	95	...	486	...	47	...	...	...	...	44	383	...	...
,, —Wear Street ...	...		no return																									
Killingworth	1869	1875	L 300	400	...	...	150	...	2	6	...	...	6	13	13	112	...	10	4	...	...	8	90	...	...	9
Newcastle—Barras Bridge	...	...	F	3000	1300	...	700	430	5	...	11	20	44	8	13	285	2	19	9	10	...	20	142	...	60	82
,, —Blackett Street	...	...	F	5000	800	...	650	650	14	...	14	18	41	43	14	678	...	23	6	14	18	75	582	...	25	60
,, —Erskine Church ..	...	...	F	1000	...	...	365	160	6	...	13	11	15	33	40	186	...	18	3	...	...	24	150	...	...	18
,, —John Knox	1698	1867	F	2000	...	...	616	550	13	14	...	66	30	35	65	536	6	32	11	15	25	49	278	...	60	49
Carried forward ...				29100	3150	...	6236	3236	109	37	124	226	341	352	183	3913	15	300	54	81	94	347	2750	675	188	387

* Including Manse. † On the Hall.

GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND—*continued.*

CONGREGATION.	CHURCHES. Date.	Date of Minister's Ordination or Induction.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT. Church.	DEBT. Manse.	Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings Let.	OFFICE-BEARERS. Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	COMMUNICANTS. No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificates.	No. Removed by Certificates.	Number lapsed, dead, &c.	Number on Last Revised Roll.	MARRIAGES, &c. Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	VISITORS TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS. District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.
				£	£	£																				
Brought forward ...	...	...	...	29100	3150	...	6236	3236	109	37	124	226	341	352	183	3913	15	300	54	81	94	347	2750	675	188	387
Newcastle—Park Road ...	1873	1873	F	400	...	...	250	...	3	3	...	12	21	8	13	114	...	5	...	12	22	18	150	...	...	14
,, —St. George's ...	...	...	F	2000	500	...	650	...	8	...	15	12	19	8	34	386	4	38	13	8	...	22	135	...	...	...
,, —Trinity	1765	1875	F	4000	...	...	969	969	16	14	...	61	66	33	23	591	11	44	3	6	...	53	405	...	60	94
,, —Westmoreland Rd	..	...	F	3000	1650	...	750	635	10	...	22	27	47	28	29	481	...	34	...	3	15	22	190	...	36	...
North Shields—Howard Street	1662	1873	F	2500	...	...	700	517	9	8	...	30	21	7	37	360	3	37	7	14	17	27	272	350	75	42
,, NorthumberlandSq.	...	1877	no return																							
Seaton Burn	1873	1874	L 99	800	100	...	250	142	3	...	9	10	18	6	...	163	...	7	...	...	...	11	90	...	17	...
Seaton Delaval	1845	1857	L	500	...	...	400	281	5	6	...	4	20	13	..	156	3	12	2	...	...	11	130	170	...	...
South Shields—East Street ...	1809	...	F	1000	...	...	400	198	5	...	20	58	6	5	3	231	5	19	3	13	...	27	250	...	20	90
,, —Laygate ...	1849	1862	F	3000	...	...	420	...	8	11	...	26	12	11	18	324	...	25	...	8	...	43	565	...	45	...
,, —Mile End Road	1719	1867	F	2000	109	...	520	...	8	...	...	10	14	4	5	193	3	14	4	...	26	19	150	...	...	19
,, —St. John's ...	1839	1870	F	...	...	...	...	...	7	11	...	13	4	10	20	319	...	...	8	...	...	35	335	...	...	...
Stamfordham	1662	1847	...	...	...	32	250	...	3	..	5	...	...	...	...	82	...	5	...	...	...	2	25	...	...	...
Sunderland—Bethany ...	1844	1845	C	1400	300	...	400	...	3	...	...	10	...	...	14	50	2	6	4	...	...	19	5	35	...	...	...
,, —North Bridge St.	1839	1862	P	1600	...	...	500	214	9	8	...	10	19	17	11	240	3	20	2	11	13	36	271	...	...	26
,, —St. George's ...	1839	1875	C	2750	...	...	655	570	7	9	...	38	18	10	25	445	7	32	4	20	15	60	540	...	...	107
,, —St. Stephen's ...	...	...	...	2000	1250	...	420	200	8	...	7	7	4	6	3	128	4	9	3	...	...	22	100	...	...	24
,, —Smyrna	1765	1835	...	500	...	...	500	188	8	...	4	4	15	7	16	134	3	9	4	...	...	14	100	...	...	55
,, —Trinity	1870	1876	C	4000	580	...	700	502	12	...	15	20	19	24	1	339	...	14	1	22	20	28	290	...	24	135
Swalwell..	1832	1862	F	500	40	...	200	90	5	...	9	8	6	6	...	40	1	7	...	12	...	19	130	...	...	20
Walker	1842	1865	L 75	3900	...	...	450	270	7	...	10	8	16	15	17	162	1	20	2	...	...	39	286	...	...	10
Wallsend	1846	1836	L	400	...	...	300	...	3	...	12	...	...	...	...	99	...	11	...	...	...	13	100	...	...	..
Wark	1842	1862	F	1000	...	...	160	111	6	..	8	...	...	...	...	68	...	...	...	...	...	2	19	...	...	...
Wellington Quay	...	1877	no return																							
				66350	7679	32	16080	8123	262	107	260	594	686	570	452	9018	65	668	114	210	234	875	7318	1195	465	1023
CARLISLE.																										
Barrow-in-Furness	...	...	F	6200	2772	...	758	458	8	...	15	24	37	23	35	292	12	29	3	14	...	24	250	...	...	23
Bewcastle	1836	1876	L	...	...	...	280	...	2	...	4	...	...	...	13	71	...	2	6	6	...	5	40	...	...	20
Brampton	1640	1860	F	600	...	...	200	70	2	...	6	...	4	6	3	42	1	6	3	6	...	9	50	...	...	10
Carlisle—Warwick Road ...	...	...	F	1000	...	...	650	286	7	11	...	10	19	9	6	320	4	20	...	40	...	34	210	...	51	40
[illegible]			F	2700	200		566	505	8	...	15	23	42	21	48	395	7	24	9	...	5	43	432	...	...	70

Maryport—[illegible]	...	1744	1875	F	800	...	...	180	...	2	4	...	...	5	4	5	70	...	2	1	3	...	18	33	...	...	...
,, —Crosby Street	...	1831	1851	F	1000	...	...	400	250	4	...	12	5	2	1	10	116	3	20	1	5	...	28	190	...	...	24
Penrith	...	1700	1858	F	400	...	...	192	105	2	...	6	5	11	8	8	86	...	6	4	2	..	16	100	...	...	...
Whitehaven—Market Place	...	1836	1866	F	1600	...	...	514	298	5	...	6	5	20	9	22	164	9	22	4	18	20	18	120	...	45	39
,, —High Street	...	...	1877	no return																									
Workington	...	1836	1871	P	1000	...	...	240	113	5	...	7	14	15	1	6	91	1	9	1	12	...	18	262	...	...	31
					16500	2972	42	4485	2420	52	23	75	95	168	94	170	1845	45	153	37	112	25	223	1902	...	96	282
DARLINGTON.																													
Bishop Auckland ...	...	1866	1867	L 99	1900	...	...	250	145	7	...	10	4	7	6	3	110	3	11	2	...	14	19	94	...	...	19
Crook	...	1861	1863	F	790	...	...	240	142	3	...	12	6	...	4	2	78	...	16	2	...	...	9	60	...	...	24
Darlington	...	...	1866	F	2000	800	...	600	364	8	15	...	25	24	12	7	248	5	15	3	17	24	41	571	...	24	53
Ferryhill	...	...	...	F	2000	...	...	320	147	3	...	11	13	4	12	3	123	2	17	1	8	...	17	147	137	...	15
Grimsby	...	1874	1875	F	900	...	...	350	...	4	...	12	23	2	1	5	83	...	5	...	8	...	26	267	...	...	30
Hartlepool	...	1839	1843	F	600	...	...	350	251	6	...	18	7	5	10	4	195	6	14	4	6	...	20	200	...	...	20
Harrogate	..	...	1876	F	500	675	...	300	...	1	...	7	40	20	6	...	54	2	6	...	2	...	5	40	...	...	14
Hull—Holderness Road	...	1873	1874	F	3000	1410	685	1050	...	9	7	...	110	5	10	..	413	4	58	1	...	...	47	657	...	...	150
,, —Prospect Street...	...	1867	1868	F	5000	*600	1206	850	...	19	6	...	51	12	7	36	476	6	17	8	59	...	65	709	...	20	...
,, —Spring Bank ...	...	1838	1871	F	4000	3350	...	500	...	3	...	12	9	12	5	6	148	1	8	1	12	...	16	150	...	...	17
Middlesborough... ...	...	1872	1875	F	3000	1994	...	550	223	4	...	11	8	25	25	8	126	1	24	2	4	...	22	170	...	45	40
Redcar	...	1873	...	L	400	...	...	230	130	3	...	7	6	9	11	1	71	...	8	1	...	...	4	34	...	...	...
Stockton—St. George's	...	...	...	F	3600	4000	...	550	365	3	...	8	24	11	17	6	175	...	10	1	...	...	19	153	...	27	53
,, —St. Andrew's	...	1845	1871	F	3000	...	...	360	319	7	...	15	15	11	12	2	195	2	13	3	5	...	19	119	...	...	23
Towlaw	...	1863	1864	F	900	170	...	210	140	4	...	8	6	5	5	4	81	4	7	1	...	...	10	95	...	...	...
West Hartlepool ...	...	1858	1858	F	400	150	...	300	123	3	...	9	4	9	10	14	124	1	10	2	8	...	24	145	...	...	12
Whitby—Trinity ...	...	...	1874	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	12	9	1	7	1	76	...	5	...	...	...	15	84	...	...	...
York	...	1874	1875	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	...	29	13	12	6	90	...	4	1	16	...	13	125	...	...	40
					31990	13149	1891	7010	2349	94	32	152	389	175	172	109	2866	37	248	33	140	38	391	3820	137	116	510
LIVERPOOL.																													
Birkenhead—Claughton	...	1863	1863	F	5000	2850	...	782	534	11	...	12	18	14	6	11	242	...	7	2	12	...	26	300	...	56	40
,, —Grange Road	...	1837	1847	F	2600	25	...	700	545	8	...	19	29	3	14	34	357	...	12	5	12	150	59	546	...	...	...
,, —Hamilton	...	1868	1874	F	3000	...	450	614	236	6	...	9	10	12	4	4	164	3	10	2	14	...	13	150	...	...	...
,, —St. Andrew's	...	1840	1868	F	4000	...	...	827	458	14	11	...	...	65	40	...	530	...	...	...	26	26	49	417	903	30	35
,, —St. Paul's	...	1858	...	F	3000	...	...	420	202	4	...	15	8	15	10	19	153	...	20	6	10	...	17	188	...	...	...
Chester	...	1853	1867	F	1500	...	..	500	190	3	5	7	4	4	18	10	128	...	5	1	...	10	30	225	...	13	30
Douglas	...	1836	1866	F	3000	...	200	594	218	5	5	2	12	8	20	...	163	...	9	...	4	...	13	105	...	...	...
Egremont	...	1859	1865	...	...	1400	...	650	550	10	...	12	...	...	...	...	380	...	16	...	...	...	100	930	400	...	30
Carried forward ...	...	...	...	...	22100	4275	650	5087	2933	61	21	76	81	121	112	78	2117	3	79	16	78	186	307	2861	1303	99	135

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CONGREGATION.	CHURCHES. Date.	Date of Minister's Ordination or Induction.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	Debt. Church.	Debt. Manse.	Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings Let.	OFFICE-BEARERS. Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	COMMUNICANTS. No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificates.	No. Removed by Certificates.	Number lapsed, dead, &c.	Number on Last Revised Roll.	MARRIAGES, &c. Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS. District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.
				£	£	£																				
Brought forward ...	...	...	...	22100	4275	650	5087	2933	61	21	76	81	121	112	78	2117	3	79	16	78	186	307	2861	1303	99	135
Liverpool—Canning Street ...	1844	1842	F	7500	...	...	984	675	11	3	...	25	16	...	87	560	...	29	16	...	...	36	206	...	91	91
,, —Derby Road ...	1855	...	no return																							
,, —Everton Valley ...	1862	1869	L	5000	...	...	1000	825	5	...	14	48	42	40	43	650	7	51	5	11	15	...	...	...	...	...
,, —Fairfield	1866	1866	F	4500	700	...	600	420	7	...	10	14	63	...	...	255	3	21	...	7	5	41	520	...	82	43
,, —Hyslop Street ...	1863	1877	no return																							
,, —Islington	1845	1874	F	5500	...	...	990	710	5	...	15	65	33	30	55	634	4	39	24	25	...	67	856	...	48	130
,, —Mount Pleasant ...	1807	1846	L 75	6000	...	...	1100	500	10	...	16	11	9	35	38	457	...	5	3	25	12	73	600	...	25	18
,, —Prince's Park Road	1864	...	F	5000	...	...	700	161	7	...	20	9	30	9	9	243	...	15	1	...	9	18	117	...	25	24
,, —Queen's Road ...	1861	1864	F	3000	2250	...	850	580	7	...	12	38	50	26	27	514	11	36	11	30	45	54	670	...	30	20
,, —Shaw Street ...	...	1876	F	3000	500	...	650	140	4	...	12	12	8	2	...	103	1	10	2	6	...	16	116	...	...	40
,, —St. George's ...	1845	1877	F	3000	...	...	1105	240	5	14	...	4	4	2	6	165	6	10	8	...	9	5	45	...	25	...
,, —St. Peter's ...	1842	1875	F	5000	550	...	722	630	10	...	12	143	25	23	21	619	3	61	4	17	...	77	660	407	42	44
,, —Trinity	1857	1858	F	...	...	...	500	...	5	..	14	11	17	20	3	178	2	11	3	...	16	1	42	...	...	60
,, —Vauxhall Road ...	1867	1868	L	3000	...	...	450	...	3	3	3	9	...	2	3	110	1	6	1	...	60	16	213	...	30	93
Parkgate	1858	1875	F	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	12	5	15	5	...	81	1	1	2	15	...	10	92	...	...	20
Ramsay	1834	...	no return																							
Rockferry	...	...	F	3500	...	...	650	337	4	...	12	7	15	10	4	185	2	19	4	24	...	40	350	...	...	12
Southport	1870	1872	F	4600	..	...	450	227	8	...	8	6	23	17	12	103	5	9	3	12	...	12	66	...	38	17
St. Helen's	1867	1875	L 999	5000	...	...	500	160	3	...	14	11	12	1	2	100	1	12	2	7	16	14	130	...	24	36
Sutton	1850	...	no return																							
Waterloo	1873	1873	no return																							
				85700	8275	650	16338	8538	157	41	250	499	483	334	388	7074	50	414	105	257	373	787	7544	1710	559	783
MANCHESTER.																										
Blackburn—Mount Street ...	1866	1874	L 999	1000	...	...	570	170	5	...	17	...	1	...	11	82	3	7	1	3	...	18	230	...	...	40
,, —St. George's ..	1809	1868	L 990	6000	...	...	1000	694	13	...	25	38	25	16	41	425	4	34	6	24	...	44	605	130	30	20
Bolton	1804	...	F	2500	...	...	500	275	8	...	9	26	47	21	5	232	5	23	2	12	...	17	179	...	50	12
Bradford...	1847	...	F	2000	...	...	504	335	7	...	20	8	18	8	16	215	...	14	2	4	...	23	179	...	25	...
Crewe	1845	1872	F	2000	...	...	500	114	...	...	7	3	3	2	7	69	2	6	2	...	...	10	120	430	...	...
Leeds—Hanover Square ...	1864	1876	F	400	...	...	220	...	3	...	12	2	2	7	1	56	...	2	...	...	...	6	30	...	...	10

,, —Bowdon	1868	1869	P	5000	640	...	400	300	4	2	6	13	16	...	24	100	1	7	3	5	12	6	51	...	...	10
,, —Brunswick Street	1798	1827	L 999	4000	...	...	644	567	11	...	15	22	33	17	17	331	3	25	2	16	20	53	462	...	25	70
,, —Copland Street...	1849	...	P	3400	...	...	650	500	13	...	15	12	19	19	9	359	5	21	2	41	24	49	531	...	55	65
,, —Grosvenor Square	1836	1870	...	10800	...	...	828	520	9	10	...	29	...	7	52	403	...	26	6	...	...	55	556	343	50	55
,, —Higher Broughton	1874	1874	no return																							
,, —Longsight ...	1871	1873	F	4000	...	...	450	228	4	...	6	8	13	10	4	132	1	8	2	8	...	15	203	...	41	6
,, —Pendleton ...	1871	1870	...	...	1000	...	500	189	7	...	12	8	25	14	...	152	3	...	...	20	...	19	158	...	37	...
,, —Sale	1874	1874	F	4500	1564	...	700	223	...	...	20	11	24	13	...	93	2	7	...	16	18	16	134	...	...	15
,, —Salford	1845	1873	C	4000	...	...	800	232	3	9	...	13	16	17	10	196	7	31	...	9	10	32	338	204	30	23
,, —St. Andrew's ...	1846	1872	F	4100	...	...	890	504	9	10	8	18	22	11	24	369	...	26	6	...	24	19	137	...	45	50
,, —Trinity	1845	1847	F	3000	...	...	900	550	6	8	...	...	...	...	...	303	...	...	...	17	18	...	...	..	...	...
,, —Withington ...	1867	1871	L	4500	...	...	567	454	4	6	...	12	20	15	10	174	...	7	3	...	31	21	156	...	33	16
Ramsbottom	1836	1874	L 999	4000	1500	...	650	326	7	7	...	10	...	2	8	160	3	18	3	23	22	41	320	160	...	...
Risley	1662	1865	no return																							
Rochdale	1866	1867	L 999	4000	3000	...	650	335	8	...	16	3	2	2	2	116	7	9	...	...	...	23	273	18	...	...
Sheffield *	1854	1854	L 800	3400	...	...	470	217	3	...	9	28	16	4	12	130	2	8	4	9	...	25	220	...	52	22
Stalybridge	1868	...	F	800	51	...	240	80	2	...	7	4	8	1	...	42	...	5	...	...	...	7	33	...	...	11
Warrington	1855	1877	L	800	...	...	750	57	...	...	12	3	...	...	...	27	2	6	...	...	...	14	155	...	29	...
Wharton	1662	1862	F	1500	...	...	300	225	1	...	14	6	1	1	3	61	2	10	1	5	...	22	232	240	30	25
Wigan	1760	1873	F	600	...	...	...	...	2	4	...	9	7	5	4	154	5	20	3	33	14	28	350	300	50	...
				80300	7755	..	14733	7245	137	69	242	308	341	206	271	4620	61	338	49	273	193	587	5909	2425	618	484
BIRMINGHAM.																										
Birmingham—Broad Street ...	1839	1875	L 56	3000	...	...	800	170	5	1	12	20	25	11	2	156	...	10	1	26	30	39	274	...	...	40
,, —Camp Hill ...	1865	1867	F	4500	1620	...	500	194	4	...	12	6	14	4	8	113	1	11	2	..	10	26	359	...	...	44
,, —New John Street	1855	1876	F	2000	376	...	400	88	7	...	9	14	10	5	4	66	...	1	1	6	...	35	250	...	...	40
,, —Smethwick ...	1853	1868	F	1600	510	...	350	...	4	...	9	22	4	2	7	65	1	6	...	...	...	22	187	...	...	10
Burton-on-Trent	1861	1870	L 99	1200	...	...	334	164	5	...	12	3	8	5	5	94	...	6	1	4	...	20	140	47	...	20
Derby	1865	1865	F	2000	1000	...	420	149	3	...	11	9	8	5	12	94	2	6	5	...	15	13	136	...	19	25
Dudley	1842	...	no return																							
Hanley	1847	1858	C	1000	...	...	300	240	5	...	12	7	1	3	10	140	5	13	3	...	...	21	80	60	...	25
Leicester...	1865	...	F	...	2000	...	700	170	4	...	12	7	5	...	3	53	1	3	3	...	...	...	100	...	25	...
Nottingham	...	...	L 99	2900	500	...	570	159	6	...	8	10	7	5	7	90	...	6	...	6	12	18	145	...	27	20
Shrewsbury	1867	1873	F	2500	1100	...	500	107	2	...	14	15	7	5	5	69	1	5	...	5	...	11	70	...	...	60
Stafford	1840	1869	F	...	...	...	240	176	4	...	12	6	4	3	12	96	3	8	2	...	18	18	200	...	...	...
Wolverhampton	1862	...	F	2000	1870	...	600	229	7	...	9	13	18	1	5	120	2	6	1	9	...	13	119	...	27	47
Worcester	1865	1873	...	3000	9000	...	800	198	3	6	...	20	4	11	7	143	1	8	4	12	...	27	200	...	25	30
				25700	17976	...	6514	2044	59	7	132	152	115	60	87	1299	17	89	23	68	85	263	2360	107	123	361

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BRISTOL.				£	£	£																				
Aberdare	...	1875	L 999	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	10	...	6	1	70	...	3	1	...	12	21	200	...	20	12
Bristol	1855	...	F	3400	...	...	700	428	7	...	15	17	14	8	15	229	3	11	2	...	20	29	329	...	25	28
Cardiff	1865	...	L 99	4500	...	...	700	402	4	...	19	4	18	8	48	274	8	13	2	...	40	20	164	...	30	84
Cheltenham	1860	1873	F	800	...	...	650	...	4	4	...	18	22	9	3	178	2	5	1	18	60	15	242	...	..	...
Gloucester	1868	1871	P	3000	...	...	600	265	4	...	12	15	10	15	18	163	9	15	3	10	...	27	216	...	30	35
Plymouth	1861	1864	F	5000	1540	...	1200	625	4	8	...	13	6	10	14	173	4	22	5	10	20	45	660	...	...	30
Swansea	1864	...	L 99	3000	1200	...	1200	218	4	...	14	...	...	1	9	156	...	1	1	..	6	41	280	...	...	...
Torquay	1864	1872	L	2500	...	...	500	442	3	...	6	14	...	...	...	110	...	6	...	...	...	4	25	...	10	59
Wyastone Leys	1868	...	no return																							
				22200	2740	...	5550	2380	30	12	78	91	70	57	108	1353	26	76	15	38	158	202	2116	...	115	248
LONDON.																										
Aldershot	1862	...	F	2000	300	300	700	260	4	...	15	13	5	5	6	78	36	...	..	...	12	21	230	...	...	...
Aston Tirrold	1847	1874	F	500	...	...	150	...	3	...	...	22	...	1	1	58	2	3	...	8	16	16	140	33	...	...
Bournemouth	1857	1866	F	4700	...	925	350	141	6	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	85	...	...	32
Brighton—Trinity	1870	1871	F	2000	1200	...	450	...	3	...	12	...	...	..	...	120	2	8	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	..
,, —Queen's Road ...	1845	1872	F	2200	...	650	700	600	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	282	10	9	6	...	30	58	520	..	53	80
Chatham	1839	1874	L	850	...	...	560	82	4	4	...	5	4	...	15	58	3	8	1	...	...	10	130	..	..	..
Croydon	1867	1867	F	5000	408	1200	531	308	11	...	18	5	32	30	5	184	4	12	3	...	30	23	133	..	...	40
Demerara	...	...	no return																							
Gravesend	1868	1869	F	4200	2500	...	700	376	3	...	8	9	12	6	11	131	2	22	5	...	8	15	160	..	.	..
Guernsey	1856	1874	F	500	..	...	300	40	2	...	4	12	1	...	14	37	1	13	1	...	...	9	43	..	..	..
Ipswich	1868	1869	F	3000	900	...	480	189	4	...	13	7	14	9	10	122	...	8	1	16	18	18	110	..	12	..
Jersey	1856	1874	F	3000	...	...	500	257	4	1	8	5	10	2	1	167	3	4	1	12	26	31	242	..	..	200
Lewes	1865	...	no return																							
London—Belgrave	1846	1872	L 39	...	...	...	400	321	7	7	...	18	37	26	94	276	3	11	2	10	25	40	480	..	17	50
,, —Bermondsey	1867	1873	no return																							
,, —Bow Road	1869	1872	L 78	3250	1979	...	480	...	3	...	12	6	17	6	7	84	...	6	1	...	...	14	130	..	..	10
,, —Camberwell	1867	1875	F	5100	1335	...	550	273	9	6	...	10	32	12	8	218	...	14	...	10	19	21	335	..	25	36
,, —Camden Road ...	1857	1862	L	6000	2000	...	...	403	8	12	...	...	...	..	...	280	...	...	...	12	30	65	550	...	...	40
,, —Canonbury	1839	1876	L 60	..	...	...	450	100	1	3	...	...	2	...	44	129	...	1	3	...	...	10	120	...	...	..
[illegible]	[illegible]			[illegible]			1400	1000	13		12	20	110	32	40	700	3	26	3		30	33	320		60	120

,, —Crouch Hill ...	...	1870	F	1400	...	...	220	190	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	...	8	...	...	...	16	100	..	34	40
,, —Ealing ...	1875	1876	L 99	800	...	...	...	...	3	...	8	7	14	3	10	81	...	7	2	7	24	7	55	..	..	..
,, —East India Road	1865	1865	L 80	2200	1025	...	350	122	4	4	...	3	9	4	13	110	...	...	4	...	...	16	157	..	25	24
,, —Forest Hill	1870	1872	F	2000	240	...	500	330	8	...	16	20	36	6	18	232	4	15	4	...	25	20	240	..	30	80
,, —Goldington Crescent...	...	1876	L 70	2000	...	...	500	...	6	...	19	141	5	8	24	424	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	..	..	..
,, —Greenwich	1842	1873	L 70	5800	...	...	850	478	12	14	...	12	13	24	23	423	2	12	9	15	35	40	384	..	..	25
,, —Hammersmith	1868	1869	L 93	4500	3732	...	560	358	3	...	12	6	15	3	11	106	1	6	3	...	20	12	112	..	..	15
,, —Hampstead ...	1845	1865	F	7000	...	..	500	389	10	8	...	12	12	19	9	219	2	9	3	4	30	21	140	..	31	72
,, —Highbury ...	1859	1860	L	...	...	...	1000	725	11	...	12	43	77	82	...	548	...	...	...	.	60	60	648	134	91	120
,, —Islington ...	1839	1863	L 92	3500	...	...	720	640	8	23	3	...	...	...	...	486	5	22	...	15	52	52	639	..	70	75
,, —Kensington	1862	1876	no return																							
,, —Kingston-on-Thames...	1874	1875	L 7	600	...	...	250	100	3	3	...	5	3	3	9	57	1	4	2	...	12	8	75	..	.	29
,, —Marylebone	1844	1870	L 88	12000	10000	...	1575	1139	12	18	...	41	94	42	164	868	4	20	6	..	21	27	319	..	53	75
,, —Millwall ...	1862	1872	L	1000	..	...	300	111	4	8	...	13	6	9	7	121	...	6	1	3	8	23	248	..	..	27
,, —New Barnet ...	1820	...	F	2000	425	...	300	70	3	...	6	...	2	...	4	40	...	1	.	..	12	7	60	..	..	..
,, —Notting Hill ...	1872	1872	F	9000	...	...	879	619	10	...	8	42	18	4	33	382	2	8	2	20	70	46	560	..	26	18
,, —Old St. Pancras	1869	1872	no return																							
,, —Oxendon Street ..	1737	...	no return																							
,, —Regent Square	1822	1869	F	15000	...	...	998	920	21	20	...	36	59	38	27	684	...	39	10	..	60	88	1149	.	93	..
,, —St. John's Wood	1853	1872	F	6000	128	...	839	797	10	...	9	22	68	...	67	408	4	13	9	5	30	30	300	..	20	115
,, —South Kensington	1872	1873	F	7000	4500	...	800	348	4	...	16	...	...	..	...	237	...	2	..	..	..	22	150	..	..	35
,, —Southwark ...	1845	1846	L	2000	...	...	...	...	6	...	12	...	...	...	...	183	...	12	..	..	..	8	90	..	18	40
,, —Stepney ...	1847	1868	no return																							
,, —Stratford ...	1863	1877	F	4500	3315	...	810	68	3	...	5	...	...	...	...	54	...	1	..	..	..	10	110	..	..	..
,, —Streatham ...	1875	1876	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	...	...	..	..	3	11	76	..	..	45
,, —Tottenham ...	1864	1865	F	2600	...	...	450	151	7	...	...	7	24	2	16	111	4	13	1	9	24	15	135	93	18	9
,, —Upper Norwood	1874	1874	...	...	...	...	...	287	...	...	12	14	8	5	...	120	...	8	2	...	..	...	...	...	...	25
,, —Victoria Docks	1874	1874	L 96	2000	...	...	400	127	...	...	7	8	16	2	6	83	1	10	..	3	..	18	289	..	..	30
,, —Wandsworth ...	1872	1873	no return																							
,, —Westbourne Grove	1861	1871	no return																							
,, —Whitfield ...	1873	1873	L 30	1000	...	...	700	102	8	...	...	54	4	2	39	242	3	10	3	16	12	23	259	..	44	20
,, —Willesden ..	1875	1875	L 99	3500	870	...	400	218	5	10	...	18	40	...	...	101	...	14	..	..	..	10	100	..	..	20
,, —Wood Green ..	1875	1875	no return																							
,, —Woolwich, St. Andrw's	1861	1862	L 99	2100	1116	...	478	320	6	...	12	28	5	...	...	280	5	...	2	8	12	30	440	...	30	50
,, ,, New Road	1839	1876	F	3000	...		1100	209	5	4	...	9	14	2	18	209	...	...	1	5	12	24	355	408	...	...
Maidstone	1861	1873	no return																							
Norwich	1867	1867	F	3000	2000	...	640	366	4	9	...	18	21	4	24	213	4	9	2	17	6	32	205	150	35	13
Portsmouth	1859	1876	L 999	1000	...	...	584	389	5	3	...	18	23	9	46	193	12	17	2	..	..	33	210	...	..	..
Reading	...	...	no return																							
Singapore	...	1875	no return																							
Silverhill, Hastings	1855	...	F	...	...	...	400	...	2	...	4	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	17	200	...	..	..
Southampton—St. Andrew's ...	1849	1855	F	4000	..	...	650	...	9	9	...	71	...	...	...	401	5	33	11	12	40	35	250	...	31	30
,, —Totton ...	...	1877	F	500	200	...	230	110	4	...	4	8	...	6	4	55	1	6	...	...	...	9	71	...	...	8
,, —Woolston ...	1874	1874	F	3000	900	...	400	335	7	...	12	2	28	...	19	95	...	10	2	4	23	16	150	...	20	...
				172300	41473	3075	27684	14328	295	174	289	812	905	415	847	10946	132	465	112	229	865	1197	12074	818	839	1648

—SUMMARY.—

Presbyteries.	CHURCHES. Number of Congregations.	Amount Insured.	Debt. Church.	Debt. Manse.	Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings Let.	OFFICE-BEARERS. Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	COMMUNICANTS. No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificates.	No. Removed by Certificates.	Number lapsed, dead, &c.	Number on Last Revised Roll.	MARRIAGES, &c. Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS. District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.
		£	£	£																				
Berwick	16	11750	1142	820	5415	3362	85	35	71	136	357	434	142	3507	30	206	75	76	21	82	1173	274	..	318
Northumberland ..	25	12800	..	160	9775	4807	120	42	137	170	377	363	169	4012	42	284	97	63	..	168	1525	503	82	268
Newcastle-upon-Tyne ..	42	66350	7679	32	16080	8123	262	107	260	594	686	570	452	9018	65	668	114	210	234	875	7318	1195	465	1023
Carlisle	13	16500	2972	42	4485	2420	52	23	75	95	168	94	170	1845	45	153	37	112	25	223	1902	..	96	282
Darlington	18	31990	13149	1891	7010	2349	94	32	152	389	175	172	109	2866	37	248	33	140	38	391	3820	137	116	510
Liverpool	29	85700	8275	650	16338	8538	157	41	250	499	483	334	388	7074	50	414	105	257	373	787	7544	1710	559	783
Manchester	28	80300	7755	..	14733	7245	137	69	242	308	341	206	271	4620	61	338	49	273	193	587	5909	2425	618	484
Birmingham	14	25700	17976	..	6514	2044	59	7	132	152	115	60	87	1299	17	89	23	68	85	263	2360	107	123	361
Bristol	9	22200	2740	..	5550	2380	30	12	78	91	70	57	108	1353	26	76	15	38	158	202	2116	..	115	248
London	64	172300	41473	3075	27684	14328	295	174	289	812	905	415	847	10946	132	465	112	229	863	1197	12074	818	839	1648
	258	525590	103161	6670	113584	55596	1291	542	1686	3246	3677	2705	2743	46540	505	2941	660	1466	1990	4775	45741	7169	3013	5925

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Congregations.	Congregational Finances: Income for Congregational Purposes: Seat Rent.	Congregational Finances: Income for Congregational Purposes: Collections.	Congregational Finances: Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Congregational Finances: Total Ordinary.	Congregational Finances: For Temporary Purposes.	Congregational Finances: Total.	Stipends: Sustentation.	Stipends: Congregational.	Stipends: Total.	Synodical Finances: Total Sustentation Fund.	Synodical Finances: Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.	Synodical Finances: Synod Fund.	Synodical Finances: Home Missions.	Synodical Finances: Foreign Missions.	Synodical Finances: Jewish Mission.	Synodical Finances: Continental Missions.	Synodical Finances: College.	Synodical Finances: Schools.	Synodical Finances: Total.	Through United Presbyterian Church.	Total Income.
Presbyteries.																					
Berwick.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.
Ancroft Moor	46	25	...	71	...	71	155	...	155	62 12	...	3 12	0 6	2 0	...	0 5	0 9	0 10	7 2	...	78 2
Beaumont Union	94	50	...	144	...	144	57	100	157	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11 0	155 0
Belford—Columba ...	63	33	...	96	...	96	200	...	200	119 0	...	3 12	0 10	3 3	...	...	...	0 13	7 18	...	103 18
,, —Erskine	94	76	6	176	260	436	4	153	157	...	...	...	...	5 0	0 13	...	...	...	5 13	1 18	443 11
Berwick—Bank Hill ...	108	100	10	218	14	232	200	...	200	200 0	...	7 4	1 0	32 9	1 1	2 0	1 0	...	44 14	...	276 14
,, —Church Street...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 2	...	...	1 5	...	2 7	...	2 7
,, —Wallace Green .	464	234	696	1394	486	1880	...	...	...	...	...	..	30 0	...	...	...	...	...	30 0	30 0	1940 0
Chatton	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 0	3 0	..	...	1 0	...	7 0	...	7 0
Crookham	89	31	...	120	3	123	155	...	155	105 0	...	3 0	0 10	3 9	0 13	0 9	0 18	0 19	.9 18	...	132 18
Etal...	85	23	12	120	...	120	155	...	155	105 2	...	1 16	...	2 11	...	...	0 10	...	4 17	...	124 17
Horncliffe	66	31	...	97	...	97	200	...	200	106 8	...	3 12	...	5 4	3 11	...	1 0	1 10	14 17	...	111 17
Lowick	60	33	2	95	10	105	170	...	170*a*	104 17	...	3 12	0 15	1 2	...	0 15	...	...	6 4	...	111 4
Norham—North Church ...	74	21	...	95	...	95	200	...	200	105 0	...	3 16	1 0	2 19	...	...	...	...	7 15	...	102 15
,, —South Church ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 4	...	...	...	...	...	5 4	...	5 4
Spittal	128	106	8	242	1400	1642	...	160	160	...	...	...	4 0	...	...	...	...	...	4 0	1 0	1647 0
Tweedmouth	78	29	1	108	18	126	200	...	200	105 0	...	3 12	...	1 17	...	...	...	0 5	5 14	...	131 14
	1449	792	735	2976	2191	5167	1696	413	2109	1012 19	...	33 16	46 5	63 16	5 18	3 9	6 2	3 17	163 3	43 18	5374 1
Northumberland.																					
Alnwick—Clayport Street.	104	127	28	259	101	360	200	...	200*b*	188 14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75 11	435 11
,, —Lisburn Street .	65	107	...	172	5	177	..	120	120	...	...	...	...	5 11	...	...	...	...	5 11	3 4	185 15
,, —St. James's ...	135	108	...	243	...	243	200	...	200	...	...	7 4	0 10	7 1	0 10	...	1 2	1 0	17 7	...	260 7
Bavington	72	46	...	118	...	118	200	...	200	105 0	...	4 16	1 5	8 15	...	...	1 3	1 3	17 2	...	135 2
Bedlington	71	48	...	119	...	119	72	120	192	...	..	...	2 2	6 2	...	2 0	...	...	10 4	2 2	131 6
Birdhopecraig	61	69	...	130	909	1059	200	...	200	116 0	...	4 16	...	5 12	...	0 12	...	1 2	12 2	...	1051 2
Branton	120	40	...	160	31	191	200	...	200	38 15	...	7 4	...	13 18	1 10	...	...	2 0	24 12	...	215 12
Embleton	105	35	..	140	...	140	19	116	135	...	...	...	2 7	0 14	...	...	...	...	3 1	...	143 1
Felton	68	50	...	118	59	177	200	...	200	110 1	...	3 12	0 17	2 17	...	...	1 1	...	8 7	...	185 7
Glanton	120	45	21	186	60	246	50	105	155	39 0	...	3 0	...	6 6	2 10	...	2 10	...	14 6	...	260 6
Harbottle	113	26	2	141	8	149	200	...	200	130 4	...	4 16	...	3 13	1 6	...	1 6	...	11 1	...	160 1
Longframlington	21	41	...	62	...	62	155	...	155	60 0	...	3 12	0 12	1 17	...	...	0 10	0 10	7 1	...	69 1
Newbiggin	33	47	...	80	...	80	200	...	200	102 12	...	4 16	...	2 11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

North Milfield	58	42	2	102	80	182	57	140	197	...	...	...	1 5	...	...	..	..	...	1 5	4 1	188 2
,, —East Ch.	33	14	...	47	...	47	155	...	155	50 5	...	3 12	...	3 2	...	...	...	...	6 14	...	53 14
Otterburn	83	93	...	176	...	176	40	157	197	...	...	...	6 6	3 6	...	...	...	...	9 12	15 1	201 9
Thropton	74	22	...	96	...	96	200	...	200	107 7	...	1 16	...	2 12	0 19	...	1 13	...	7 0	...7	103 0
Warenford...	84	32	3	119	...	119	200	...	200	118 7	...	2 8	1 5	2 13	1 9	1 8	1 10	...	10 13	...	129 13
Warkworth	80	73	...	153	200	353	82	105	187	...	...	...	...	2 0	...	...	...	...	2 0	...	355 0
Widdrington	58	62	...	120	...	120	200	...	200	105 0	...	3 12	1 10	...	...	...	...	...	5 2	...	125 2
Wooler—Cheviot Street ..	121	84	4	209	50	259	...	170	170	...	...	...	...	2 15	2 0	1 0	2 0	...	7 15	16	282 18
,, —Tower Hill ...	60	72	...	132	...	132	33	124	157	...	.	...	2 0	2 4	1 2	...	1 2	...	6 8	3 13	142 3
,, —West Chapel ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200	...	200	140 8	...	6 0	1 10	0 16	..	...	...	1 4	9 10	..5	9 10
	1911	1510	74	3495	1551	5006	3263	1267	4530	1628 16	15 0	70 4	32 2	105 7	16 6	5 0	20 17	12 19	277 15	121 9	5445 4
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.																					
Bellingham	68	111	...	179	...	179	40	157	197	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 4	184 4
Blackhill																					
Blyth—Bridge Street ...	55	129	...	184	28	212	32	145	177	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	212 0
,, —Waterloo Road ...	102	204	4	310	...	310	200	...	200	3 3	3 3	6 0	2 3	6 13	2 6	...	2 2	1 16	22 3	...	334 3
Durham	42	150	6	198	...	198	..	200	200	...	...	...	0 12	...	...	...	...	...	0 12	...	198 12
Falstone	103	41	1	145	450	595	200	...	200	131 2	...	5 0	1 8	7 8	...	...	1 2	2 10	17 8	...	612 8
Gateshead—Durham Road	105	140	...	245	643	888	...	200	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8 19	896 19
,, —Ellison Street	95	192	6	293	...	293	200	40	240	210 0	10 0	6 0	3 10	6 16	3 0	1 10	1 2	0 18	32 16	...	325 16
Hebburn	66	147	...	213	...	213	200	...	200	88 0	...	3 12	...	3 18	...	...	...	...	7 10	...	220 10
Hexham	...	297	15	312	5	317	...	200	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7 2	...	7 2	36 12	360 14
Houghton-le-Spring ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 13	4 7	2 0	...	1 5	...	11 5	...	11 5
Jarrow Ellison Street ...	160	336	31	527	52	579	...	300	300	...	...	3 12	...	3 12	...	...	2 0	...	9 4	...	588 4
,, Wear Street ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Killingworth	...	10	...	10	59	69	200	...	200	105 0	...	3 12	0 10	2 12	0 10	...	1 0	...	8 4	...	77 4
Newcastle—Barras Bridge	150	660	17	827	200	1027	...	455	455	...	...	...	7 0	4 11	...	...	2 4	...	13 15	12 0	1052 15
,, —Blackett Street ...	289	492	196	977	67	1044	...	450	450	...	...	...	...	12 5	...	...	...	...	12 5	157 7	1213 12
,, —Erskine Church ...	70	213	...	283	...	283	10	200	210	...	...	...	...	5 6	...	...	3 0	...	8 6	5 14	297 0
,, —John Knox ...	286	285	333	904	75	979	200	200	400	252 7	52 7	18 0	6 0	55 13	9 0	...	7 0	...	148 0	...	1127 0
,, —Park Road ..	...	284	5	289	45	334	...	200	200	...	...	3 12	3 0	6 15	...	...	...	...	13 7	...	347 7
,, —St. George's ...	154	248	65	467	387	854	...	270	270	...	...	18 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	18 0	34 10	906 10
,, —Trinity	358	433	180	971	42	1013	200	400	600	247 18	47 17	...	6 0	25 19	10 0	10 0	8 0	...	107 16	...	1120 16
,, —Westmoreland Rd.	286	401	36	723	105	828	...	400	400	...	...	...	23 0	...	...	...	10 17	...	33 17	44 0	905 17
North Shields—Howard St.	190	292	69	551	...	551	200	150	350	230 0	30 0	18 0	...	29 2	10 14	1 0	...	...	88 16	...	639 16
,, —NorthumberlandSt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 19	0 19	...	..	...	5 18	...	5 18
Seaton Burn	54	50	...	104	20	124	...	150	150	...	...	2 0	2 0	...	1 0	...	...	...	5 0	...	129 0
Seaton Delaval	65	33	1	99	32	131	200	...	200	135 6	...	3 0	0 15	3 16	1 10	...	...	...	9 1	...	140 1
South Shields—East Street	71	160	13	244	110	354	...	180	180	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	1 10	...	1 10	3 6	358 16
,, —Laygate ...	...	583	79	662	...	662	200	173	373	80 10	80 10	14 0	2 18	33 12	2 18	...	12 10	...	146 8	...	808 8
,, —Mile End Rd.	92	276	74	442	120	562	...	215	215	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12 1	574 1
,, —St. John's ...	112	211	57	380	830	1210	200	...	200	...	...	8 0	2 10	15 10	...	...	3 5	...	29 5	...	1239 5
Carried forward ...	2973	6378	1188	10539	3270	13809	2282	4685	6967	1483 6	223 17	112 8	64 19	232 13	43 17	12 10	63 19	5 4	759 8	319 13	14888 1

(a) Minister pays interest on Manse Debt, Ground Rent, and Taxes—in all, £12. (b) Less £15 expenses. (c) Minister pays £100 to Assistant.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—*continued.*

CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES. Income for Congregational Purposes. Seat Rent.	Collections.	Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Total Ordinary.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.	STIPENDS. Sustentation.	Congregational.	Total.	SYNODICAL FINANCES. Total Sustentation Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.	Synod Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Schools.	Total.	Through United Presbyterian Church.	Total Income.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.
Brought forward ...	2973	6378	1188	10539	3270	13809	2282	4685	6967	1483 6	223 17	112 8	64 19	232 13	43 17	12 10	63 19	5 4	759 8	319 13	14888 1
Stamfordham	33	64	...	97	...	97	117	80	197	...	...	...	1 5	...	...	...	...	...	1 5	0 15	99 0
Sunderland—Bethany ...	24	130	...	154	10	164	...	100	100	...	...	...	...	2 5	...	...	...	...	2 5	8 7	174 1
,, —North Bridge St.	104	300	68	472	...	472	200	100	300*d*	214 2	14 1	6 0	3 0	32 17	3 3	2 0	3 0	2 0	66 1	...	538 1
,, —St. George's ...	214	399	86	699	296	995	200	200	400	239 7	39 6	18 0	8 15	28 5	4 10	4 10	8 18	...	112 4	...	1107 4
,, —St. Stephen's ...	62	184	7	253	9	262	97	100	197	...	...	...	1 14	...	...	...	...	...	1 14	2 10	266 4
,, —Smyrna... ...	59	153	16	228	...	228	22	178	200	...	...	...	5 5	3 3	0 8	1 4	1 2	...	11 2	11 2	250 4
,, —Trinity... ...	192	968	67	1227	...	1227	...	160	160*g*	...	..	...	14 15	5 2	...	..	5 11	...	25 8	17 0	1269 8
Swalwell	19	45	1	65	120	185	110	76	186	...	...	...	1 13	1 16	...	...	1 10	...	4 19	1 0	190 19
Walker	78	184	4	266	...	266	...	179	179	...	...	...	1 10	...	...	...	...	...	1 10	11 4	278 14
Wallsend	40	121	...	161	...	161	43	114	157	...	...	...	...	0 18	...	...	...	...	0 18	11 0	172 18
Wark	40	30	...	70	...	70	155	...	155	66 10	...	3 0	1 3	1 6	...	...	0 19	1 11	7 19	...	77 19
Willington Quay																					
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 1	...	...	...	...	2 1	...	2 1
	3838	8956	1437	14231	3705	17936	3226	5972	9198	2003 5	277 4	139 8	103 19	310 7	51 18	20 4	84 19	8 15	996 14	382 11	19315 5
CARLISLE.																					
Barrow-in-Furness ...	275	173	23	471	79	550	...	200	200	...	...	...	5 12	6 1	...	...	...	...	11 13	19 9	581 2
Bewcastle	...	102	...	102	202	304	144	...	144	91 11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	304 0
Brampton	20	60	...	80	10	90	155	...	155	75 0	...	1 0	...	3 12	...	...	...	...	4 12	...	94 12
Carlisle—Warwick Road...	101	131	23	255	27	282	200	...	200	211 0	11 0	3 12	2 10	17 9	7 0	...	0 15	0 8	42 14	...	324 14
,, —Fisher Street ...	176	331	118	625	...	625	...	350	350	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	94 11	719 11
Cleator Moor	57	100	...	157	...	157	200	...	200	157 10	...	3 12	...	4 11	...	...	...	...	8 3	...	165 3
Haltwhistle	...	61	...	61	...	61	155	...	155	61 10	...	3 12	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 12	...	64 12
Maryport—John Street ..	39	56	5	100	13	113	200	...	200	105 0	...	3 12	2 0	5 10	...	...	...	...	11 2	...	124 2
,, —Crosby Street .	63	81	21	165	10	175	83	124	207	...	...	...	8 10	...	...	...	...	...	8 10	3 0	186 10
Penrith	32	101	36	169	...	169	96	101	197	...	...	...	30 0	3 10	...	...	...	...	33 10	9 12	212 2
Whitehaven—Market Pl. .	123	197	6	326	330	656	200	57	257	210 0	10 0	6 0	2 2	19 4	3 0	...	3 0	..	43 6	...	699 6
,, —High Street																					
Workington	45	53	3	101	7	108	200	...	200	105 0	...	4 16	...	3 10	...	...	...	...	8 6	..	116 6
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	5 10	0 18	...	...	...	...	6 8	...	6 8
	931	1446	235	2612	678	3290	1633	832	2465	1016 11	21 0	26 4	56 1	64 5	10 0	...	3 15	0 8	181 16	126 12	3598 8

DARLINGTON.																								
Crook	54	53	4	111	20	131	40	145	185	..	..	..	..	1 4	...	...	...	...	1 4	..	152 4			
Darlington	120	207	96	423	57	480	200	100	300	210 0	10 0	4 0	4 17	15 0	...	...	4 12	...	38 9	..	518 9			
Ferryhill	51	93	15	159	23	182	...	197	197	...	...	...	1 18	2 11	...	...	...	...	4 9	8 12	195 1			
Grimsby	...	267	3	270	175	445	...	250	250	...	...	3 12	2 14	9 3	1 7	...	1 11	...	18 7	...	463 7			
Hartlepool	90	143	11	244	24	268	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 0	...	...	...	...	..	3 0	3 12	274 12			
Harrogate	18	200	...	218	506	724	...	195	195	...	...	...	...	2 2	1 5	...	...	...	3 7	...	727 7			
Hull—Holderness Road ...	...	425	23	448	553	1001	...	260	260	...	...	3 12	2 8	8 1	1 12	...	...	...	15 13	...	1016 13			
,, —Prospect Street ...	...	278	498	776	1612	2388	...	...	...	22 10	22 10	10 0	24 5	223 8	13 16	...	10 9	...	304 8	...	2692 8			
,, —Springbank ...	...	311	12	323	90	413	...	157	157	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	1 3	...	1 3	6 19	421 2			
Middlesborough	101	258	23	382	281	663	200	50	250	...	...	3 12	2 4	2 6	...	...	1 10	...	9 12	...	672 12			
Redcar	59	136	...	195	37	232	40	190	230	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 15	237 15				
Stockton—St. George's ...	31	834	3	868	1224	2092	...	250	250	...	...	3 12	2 13	...	...	...	3 5	2 0	11 10	...	2103 10			
,, —St. Andrew's ...	110	194	..	304	7	311	...	210	210	...	...	...	...	7 13	3 0	...	3 0	...	13 13	2 0	326 13			
Towlaw	43	62	6	111	26	137	63	94	157	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0 17	137 17				
West Hartlepool	49	96	7	152	...	152	55	152	207	...	...	...	2 0	4 17	...	...	...	...	6 17	2 7	161 4			
Whitby—Trinity	...	279	...	279	...	279	...	200	200	...	...	2 0	1 10	2 15	0 10	...	...	...	6 15	...	285 15			
York	...	98	..	98	183	281	...	400	400	...	...	3 12	...	9 10	...	...	...	...	13 2	...	294 2			
Miscellaneous ...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 11	...	...	...	...	2 11	...	2 11			
	786	4069	761	5616	4818	10434	622	2990	3612	232 10	32 10	34 0	47 9	300 12	21 10	...	25 10	2 0	463 11	38 2	10935 13			
LIVERPOOL.																								
Birkenhead—Claughton ...	551	319	217	1117	202	1319	...	700	700	...	...	...	27 8	82 3	2 0	...	...	...	111 11	361 3	1791 14			
,, —Grange Road	410	212	288	910	239	1149	...	500	500	...	...	...	70 14	10 17	...	...	...	...	81 11	328 0	1158 11			
,, —Hamilton ...	105	221	50	376	...	376	200	5	205	207 10	7 10	3 12	1 10	26 16	3 0	1 10	1 10	...	39 8	...	415 8			
,, —St. Andrew's	344	304	102	750	...	750	200	379	579	231 2	31 2	24 0	11 0	39 6	13 0	...	9 9	..	127 17	...	877 17			
,, —St. Paul's ...	156	193	73	422	22	444	...	250	250	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	14 7	458 7				
Chester	157	130	15	302	6	308	...	250	250	...	...	3 12	3 9	18 6	1 5	1 8	...	...	28 0	...	336 0			
Douglas	98	172	25	295	105	400	200	...	200	205 0	5 0	6 0	3 3	14 5	..	...	2 10	...	30 18	...	430 18			
Egremont	352	376	408	1136	103	1239	...	500	500	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55 0	1294 0			
Liverpool—Canning Street	615	351	89	1055	220	1275	...	700	700	253 7	253 7	36 0	36 19	176 7	62 0	...	13 10	6 15	584 18	...	1859 18			
,, —Derby Road ...																								
,, —Everton Valley .	541	297	90	928	...	928	200	350	550	250 0	50 0	20 0	11 0	80 1	10 0	7 0	10 0	...	188 1	...	1116 1			
,, —Fairfield ...	273	364	136	773	811	1584	200	342	542	250 0	50 0	20 0	14 18	92 3	7 15	5 0	8 0	6 0	203 16	...	1787 16			
,, —Hyslop Street ...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 12	...	21 12	...	...	...	...	25 4	...	25 4			
,, —Islington ...	498	291	164	953	..	953	...	550	550	31 18	31 18	28 0	40 16	69 12	...	...	15 10	...	185 1[illegible]	...	1138 16			
,, —Mount Pleasant	214	137	161	512	...	512	...	350	e550	...	...	...	23 2	...	...	...	29 13	...	52 15	155 2	719 17			
,, —Prince's Park Rd	159	176	53	388	504	892	...	250	250	...	...	...	...	5 5	...	...	2 0	...	7 5	2 15	902 0			
,, —Queen's Road ...	405	409	247	1061	226	1287	...	475	475	...	...	...	...	11 5	...	5 0	...	...	16 5	116 0	1419 5			
,, —Shaw Street ...	98	140	8	246	37	283	...	200	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	f6 10	289 10				
,, —St. George's ...	219	102	..	321	18	339	200	100	300	200 0	...	12 0	6 5	8 9	6 5	...	5 1	...	38 0	...	377 0			
,, —St. Peter's ...	275	358	120	753	22	775	200	205	405	205 0	5 0	12 0	5 8	33 2	3 7	...	3 9	...	62 6	...	837 6			
,, —Trinity	201	353	87	641	...	641	200	205	405	250 0	50 0	14 0	14 5	44 7	4 13	2 0	4 6	4 9	138 [illegible]	...	779 0			
Carried forward ...	5671	4905	2363	12939	2515	15454	1600	6311	7911	2083 17	483 17	182 16	269 17	727 16	113 5	21 18	104 18	17 4	1921 11	1038 17	18414 8			

(*d*) Minister pays Repair, Ground Rent, Insurance. and all charges. (*e*) For half year. (*f*) Through Reformed Presbyterian Church. (*g*) For half year only.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—*continued.*

CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.						STIPENDS.			SYNODICAL FINANCES.												
	Income for Congregational Purposes.		Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Total Ordinary.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.	Sustentation.	Congregational.	Total.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.	Synod Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Schools.	Total.	Through United Presbyterian Church.	Total Income.
	Seat Rent.	Collections.																			
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.
Brought forward ...	5671	4905	2363	12939	2515	15454	1600	6311	7911	2083 17	483 17	182 16	269 17	727 16	113 5	21 18	104 18	17 4	1921 11	1038 17	18414 8
Liverpool—Vauxhall Road	...	...	...	...	...	...	200	...	200	110 4	...	1 4	...	11 6	...	...	0 10	...	13 0	...	13 0
Parkgate	...	...	6	6	14	20	200	...	200	169 9	...	4 0	2 10	2 8	2 10	1 10	...	...	12 18	...	32 18
Ramsay	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0 13	...	...	...	...	0 13	...	0 13
Rockferry	306	182	303	791	156	947	200	322	522	278 3	78 3	20 0	13 9	210 8	18 0	6 4	11 8	9 1	366 13	...	1313 13
Southport	186	203	25	414	91	505	200	200	400	210 0	10 0	4 0	14 2	22 10	...	...	...	...	50 12	...	555 12
St. Helen's...	86	215	4	305	186	491	200	...	200	205 0	5 0	1 16	2 3	15 10	1 3	1 5	1 5	0 16	28 18	...	519 18
Sutton																					
Waterloo	...	...	...	...	...	...	200	100	300	205 0	5 0	4 0	...	25 1	...	...	...	...	34 1	...	34 1
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0 5	...	...	...	...	0 5	...	0 5
	6249	5505	2701	14455	2962	17417	2800	6933	9733	3261 13	582 0	217 16	302 1	1015 17	134 18	30 17	118 1	27 1	2428 11	1038 17	20884 8
MANCHESTER.																					
Blackburn—Mount Street.	92	125	...	217	83	300	50	175	225	...	...	...	3 8	3 5	...	...	...	...	6 13	6 0	312 13
,, —St. George's...	452	234	80	766	25	791	...	400	400	..	...	...	10 0	10 0	10 0	10 0	10 0	...	50 0	47 17	888 17
Bolton	174	496	3	673	4	677	200	100	300	205 0	5 0	6 0	...	4 10	...	...	...	...	15 10	...	692 10
Bradford	237	171	10	418	55	473	...	350	350	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	63 0	536 0
Crewe	46	78	...	124	...	124	200	...	200	105 0	...	4 0	1 11	1 12	...	...	1 1	...	8 4	...	132 4
Leeds—Hanover Square ...	46	187	3	236	...	236	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 2	...	...	..	...	3 2	4 15	243 17
,, —St. Columba's ...	76	136	4	216	40	256	155	100	255	140 0	...	6 0	1 5	1 11	2 10	...	...	...	11 6	...	267 6
Manchester—Ancoats ...	...	305	6	311	4	315	200	60	260	151 5	...	3 0	...	32 2	...	...	...	...	35 2	..	350 2
,, —Bowdon	...	585	14	599	162	761	...	350	350	...	...	6 0	10 0	27 14	5 0	...	...	...	48 14	...	809 14
,, —Brunswick Street	422	387	206	1015	850	1865	...	500	*g*500	...	...	...	30 0	45 18	...	...	...	...	75 18	77 11	2018 9
,, —Coupland Street...	...	815	298	1113	23	1136	...	450	450	...	...	...	..	10 0	...	...	...	...	10 0	62 10	1308 10
,, —Grosvenor Square	527	366	349	1242	...	1242	200	450	650	313 10	113 10	36 0	29 0	104 11	...	15 3	32 0	...	330 4	...	1572 4
,, —Higher Broughton	...	...	...	...	...	..	200	...	200	26 16	26 16	5 0	...	62 12	...	...	...	...	94 8	...	94 8
,, —Longsight ...	212	161	31	404	11	415	200	150	350	210 0	10 0	10 0	7 3	23 8	3 5	...	...	...	53 16	...	468 16
,, —Pendleton ...	129	353	64	546	221	767	...	350	350	...	..	...	...	13 5	...	...	...	...	13 5	9 10	789 15
,, —Sale	185	455	33	673	2130	2803	200	250	450	221 0	21 0	10 0	...	102 3	12 18	...	11 16	...	157 17	...	2960 17
,, -Salford	152	299	25	476	56	532	200	150	350	200 0	...	4 0	5 0	28 0	1 5	1 0	4 0	...	43 5	...	575 5
,, —St. Andrew's ...	356	304	217	877	...	877	200	205	405	245 0	45 0	16 0	16 10	72 14	...	...	12 10	5 0	167 14	...	1044 14
,, —Trinity	491	200	94	785	155	940	200	320	520	276 15	76 15	18 0	38 10	81 0	10 0	...	10 0	...	234 5	...	1174 5
Ramsbottom	490	256	220	896	57	953	200	205	405	233 2	33 2	14 0	9 1	104 14	6 5	...	5 16	5 11	178 9	...	1131 9

[illegible]	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	155	...	155	78 0	...	0 15	...	2 0	...	...	...	1 7	4 2	...	4 2
Sheffield	...	...	126	179	...	305	29	334	200	5	205	200 0	...	7 0	...	20 17	...	...	...	...	27 17	...	361 17
Stalybridge	...	...	24	45	...	69	56	125	150	...	150	77 10	...	1 0	1 10	1 16	0 14	...	...	...	5 0	...	130 0
Warrington	..	...	40	54	...	94	...	94	...	...	...	70 17	...	...	0 18	3 8	1 0	...	...	...	5 6	...	99 6
Wharton	...	...	50	107	4	161	5	166	200	...	200	105 0	...	4 0	1 3	6 13	1 0	...	1 0	1 0	14 16	...	180 16
Wigan	...	...	103	355	90	548	600	1148	200	14	214	208 0	8 0	4 0	3 0	4 0	...	...	...	...	19 0	...	1167 0
Miscellaneous		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 0	...	...	...	...	2 0	...	2 0
		4725	7057	1776	13558	4645	18203	3510	4904	8414	3271 15	344 3	158 15	171 19	781 3	53 17	26 3	88 3	17 8	1641 11	374 3	20218 14
BIRMINGHAM.																							
Birmingham –Broad Street		134	264	40	438	7	445	200	65	265*h*	210 0	10 0	7 0	...	30 1	6 10	...	6 5	...	59 16	...	504 16
„ —Camphill	...	155	460	10	625	134	759	...	350	350	...	...	...	8 4	4 15	...	...	...	...	12 19	33 18	805 17
„ —New John St.		12	75	27	114	130	244	128	26	154	78 11	...	3 10	...	14 5	...	1 0	...	..	18 15	...	262 15
„ —Smethwick	...	...	146	4	150	280	430	110	100	210	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0 15	...	0 15	16 8	447 3
Burton-on-Trent	... ...	90	156	3	249	...	249	...	200	200	...	...	...	1 8	4 17	...	...	...	...	6 5	...	255 5
Derby	... ...	91	424	9	524	54	578	...	325	325	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	1 5	579 5
Dudley	... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	72	172	102 10	2 10	7 0	...	9 5	1 10	...	1 5	...	21 10	...	21 10
Hanley	... ...	81	118	40	239	10	249	200	...	200	177 10	...	2 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 0	...	251 0
Leicester	... ...	131	184	16	331	...	331	50	150	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 1	332 1
Nottingham	... ...	125	234	26	485	310	795	200	100	300	229 15	29 15	4 0	3 3	13 0	...	...	...	...	49 18	...	844 18
Shrewsbury	... ...	51	131	4	186	188	374	189	...	189	188 15	...	3 12	...	6 18	...	...	2 0	...	12 10	...	386 10
Stafford	.. ..	61	99	4	164	3	167	200	...	200	160 10	...	4 0	...	2 10	1 10	...	...	...	8 0	...	175 0
Wolverhampton	... ...	124	423	10	557	10	567	...	250	250	...	...	...	...	5 0	...	...	4 4	...	9 4	7 14	583 18
Worcester	... ...	166	151	18	335	50	385	200	...	200	186 5	...	7 0	...	24 8	...	...	...	...	31 8	...	416 8
		1221	2965	211	4397	1176	5573	1577	1638	3215	1333 16	42 5	38 2	12 15	114 19	9 10	1 0	14 9	...	233 0	60 6	5866 6
BRISTOL.																							
Aberdare	... ...	...	45	6	51	...	51	200	...	200	160 0	...	...	...	2 8	...	...	...	...	2 8	...	53 8
Bristol	... ...	334	226	...	560	1196	1756	...	400	400	...	..	...	...	1 0	...	...	...	...	1 0	48 7	1805 7
Cardiff	... ...	292	163	106	561	77	638	200	150	350	225 0	25 0	7 0	10 0	36 0	5 0	...	8 0	...	91 0	...	729 0
Cheltenham	... ...	...	469	21	490	...	490	200	150	350	225 0	25 0	3 10	8 17	64 16	8 12	...	10 2	...	120 17	...	610 17
Gloucester	... ...	95	...	4	99	12	111	200	...	200	205 0	5 0	4 0	4 15	26 1	2 9	...	...	...	42 5	...	153 5
Plymouth	... ...	172	215	38	425	160	585	200	55	255	210 0	10 0	8 0	...	7 0	2 0	...	2 0	...	29 0	...	614 0
Swansea	... ...	146	185	56	387	517	904	50	...	50	50 0	...	7 0	4 10	29 11	3 6	...	4 9	...	48 16	...	952 16
Torquay	... ...	255	229	91	575	...	575	200	200	400	250 0	50 0	8 0	14 2	86 4	...	4 4	7 11	...	170 1	...	745 1
Wyastone Leys	... ...																					
		1294	1532	322	3148	1962	5110	1250	955	2205	1325 0	115 0	37 10	42 4	253 0	21 7	4 4	32 2	...	505 7	48 7	5663 14
LONDON.																							
Aldershot	... ...	173	99	...	272	12	284	...	195	195*i*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 0	286 0
Aston Tirrold	... ...	26	93	35	154	14	168	200	...	200	105 0	...	3 12	...	8 6	...	...	...	...	11 18	...	179 18
Carried forward	...	199	192	35	426	26	452	200	195	395	105 0	...	3 12	...	8 6	...	...	...	...	11 18	2 0	465 18

(*g*) Besides £100 retiring allowance to former Minister. (*h*) £60 was paid to late Minister. (*i*) For ten months.

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CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.							STIPENDS.			SYNODICAL FINANCES.											
CONGREGATIONS.	Income for Congregational Purposes.		Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Total Ordinary.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.	Sustentation.	Congregational.	Total.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.	Synod Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Schools.	Total.	Through United Presbyterian Church.	Total Income.
	Seat Rent.	Collections.																			
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.
Brought forward ...	199	192	35	426	26	452	200	195	395	105 0	...	3 12	...	8 6	...	...	...	...	11 18	2 0	465 18
Bournemouth	187	139	...	326	52	378	200	182	382	210 0	10 0	3 12	...	21 16	...	..	9 0	...	44 8	...	422 8
Brighton—Trinity ...	220	200	30	450	10	460	..	...	...	...	...	...	10 0	1 0	...	...	...	...	11 0	25 0	496 0
,, —Queen's Road .	...	736	259	995	502	1497	200	305	505	257 3	57 3	10 0	10 10	43 6	6 0	...	6 0	7 0	139 19	...	1636 19
Chatham	24	40	4	68	5	73	200	...	200	105 0	...	4 0	...	1 2	1 10	...	...	...	6 12	...	79 12
Croydon	280	219	229	728	263	991	200	300	500	240 0	40 0	10 0	7 5	44 0	8 8	...	...	...	109 13	...	1100 13
Demerara	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	2 0	2 0	...	2 0
Gravesend	346	321	36	703	45	748	...	400	400	...	...	6 0	...	4 3	...	...	...	...	10 3	...	758 3
Guernsey	15	25	...	40	...	40	155	...	155	70 0	...	4 0	1 9	2 6	1 10	...	0 14	...	9 19	...	49 19
Ipswich	103	151	40	294	...	294	155	...	155	130 0	...	4 0	...	8 1	...	...	...	...	12 1	...	306 1
Jersey	182	133	46	361	...	361	200	100	300	215 0	15 0	4 0	...	30 13	6 15	4 4	3 0	...	63 12	...	424 12
Lewes	...	...	...	..	...	...	200	...	200	157 10	...	2 0	...	21 5	1 18	...	2 19	...	28 2	...	28 2
London—Belgrave ...	405	291	134	830	29	859	200	405	605	235 0	35 0	20 0	...	90 9	...	9 14	11 10	3 3	169 16	...	1028 16
,, —Bermondsey ...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 0	...	1 19	...	...	...	...	3 19	...	3 19
,, —Bow Road ...	69	110	4	183	...	183	80	220	300	...	...	...	..	2 16	...	...	. .	...	2 16	6 15	192 11
,, —Camberwell ...	222	265	75	562	939	1501	200	200	400	210 0	10 0	5 0	...	36 6	3 2	...	4 4	...	58 12	...	1559 12
,, —Camden Road ...	347	593	232	1172	1741	2913	200	300	500	221 0	21 0	10 0	9 0	70 7	11 0	...	11 17	...	133 4	...	3046 4
,, —Canonbury ...	...	104	...	104	...	104	...	...	...	17 8	...	3 0	...	13 16	...	...	...	...	16 16	...	120 16
,, —Clapham Road ...	928	819	121	1868	1726	3594	...	900	900	...	...	...	100 0	...	...	...	...	...	100 0	309 10	4003 10
,, —Clapton	216	329	51	596	28	624	150	105	255	150 0	..	4 0	...	35 12	7 0	...	6 0	...	52 12	...	676 12
,, —Crouch Hill ...	...	268	9	277	1397	1674	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13 5	5 0	...	5 15	...	24 0	...	1698 0
,, —Ealing	102	194	11	307	50	357	200	200	400	210 0	10 0	3 12	...	25 4	0 18	...	3 4	...	51 18	...	408 18
,, —East India Road...	74	156	...	230	22	252	200	...	200	155 0	...	2 0	...	9 0	...	...	...	...	11 0	...	263 0
,, —Forest Hill ...	311	504	282	1097	217	1314	510	...	510	...	...	...	...	11 1	12 4	...	25 0	...	48 5	...	1362 5
,, —Goldington Cresct.	...	335	...	335	...	335	...	...	...	...	...	1 16	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 16	...	336 16
,, —Greenwich ...	484	340	389	1213	...	1213	200	380	580	323 12	123 12	24 0	30 12	260 1	72 12	...	27 14	...	538 11	...	1751 11
,, —Hammersmith ...	311	272	46	629	112	741	...	325	325	...	..	...	...	...	3 0	...	3 0	...	6 0	3 1	750 1
,, —Hampstead ...	278	434	81	793	54	847	200	350	550	411 0	211 0	24 0	83 10	238 7	29 8	19 15	53 10	26 5	685 15	...	1532 15
,, —Highbury ...	696	807	436	1939	143	2082	...	850	850	...	...	...	22 15	2 0	10 10	...	...	...	35 5	503 8	2620 13
,, —Islington	662	203	412	1277	...	1277	200	510	710	315 0	115 0	18 0	23 5	105 15	14 5	9 19	19 2	7 16	313 2	...	1590 2
,, —Kensington ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 13	...	...	...	2 13	...	2 13
,, —Kngstn-on-Thmes.	73	78	...	151	...	151	41	184	225	44 35	...	3 12	...	2 11	...	1 3	...	1 10	8 16	...	159 16
,, —Marylebone ...	1338	602	933	2873	1644	4517	200	850	1050	504 17	304 17	48 0	63 0	152 11	52 0	9 0	34 3	13 3	676 14	..	5193 14
,, —Millwall	32	71	...	103	...	103	200	...	200	102 10	...	2 0	...	3 10	1 0	...	...	...	6 10	...	109 10
,, —New Barnet ...	80	140	...	220	...	220	200	...	200					7 12					7 12		227 12

,, —Notting Hill ...	917	407	377	1701	2100	3801	200	800	1000	250	0	50	0	300	0	350	0	4151	0	4501	0	4851	0	5201	0
,, —Old St. Pancras ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	150	...	150	81	5	...		...		...		2	2	...		...		2	2
,, —Oxendon Street ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		...		...		...		...		...		...	
,, —Regent Square ...	894	597	592	2083	184	2267	200	850	1050	483	8	283	8	48	0	133	3	397	12	78	16	20	0	76	19
,, —St. John's Wood...	901	828	239	1968	490	2458	...	1110	1110	287	11	287	11	24	0	190	5	193	7	20	13	...		18	18
,, —South Kensington	311	939	120	1370	128	1498	...	800	800	...		...		8	0	5	0	16	10	13	10	...		7	2
,, —Southwark ...	69	68	...	137	58	195	155	...	155	110	0	...		2	0	1	10	2	5	1	5	1	15	1	10
,, —Stepney	...	...	...	...	...	...	200	215	415	220	0	20	0	10	0	...		20	8	...		...		...	
,, —Stratford	46	89	14	149	185	334	...	...	...	...		...		...		...		...		...		...		...	
,, —Streatham ...	...	282	10	292	567	859	...	400	400	...		...		3	12	...		5	3	...		...		3	0
,, —Tottenham ...	122	119	150	391	316	707	200	79	279	212	0	12	0	4	0	6	10	42	14	8	10	8	0	6	19
,, —Upper Norwood ...	202	230	11	443	18	461	200	300	500	210	0	10	0	3	12	...		21	0	8	2	...		9	0
,, —Victoria Docks ...	31	72	...	103	14	117	...	200	200	...		...		1	16	...		7	19	...		...		...	
,, —Wandsworth ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		8	0	11	0	28	10	6	10	...		6	0
,, —Westbourne Grove	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		...		...		7	2	...		...		16	5
,, —Whitfield... ...	53	65	312	430	575	1005	200	25	225	90	0	...		4	0	...		9	15	...		...		...	
,, —Willesden ...	180	134	44	358	600	958	...	350	350	...		...		1	16	3	10	11	9	2	11	...		1	10
,, —Wood Green ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		...		1	13	2	0	...		...		...	
,, —Woolwich, St. A. .	178	155	29	362	500	862	...	250	250	...		...		...		...		24	17	...		...		...	
,, — ,, New Rd.	132	207	34	373	...	373	127	129	256	134	15	8	0	3	0	...		...		5	10	...		...	
Maidstone	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	26	5	...		4	0	...		6	2	...		...		...	
Norwich	218	148	79	445	430	875	200	50	250	211	1	11	1	6	0	12	0	24	0	...		...		...	
Portsmouth	165	168	5	338	...	338	...	300	300	...		...		4	0	...		10	11	6	6	2	0	..	
Reading	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		3	12	...		1	0	...		...		...	
Singapore										...		...		...		...		...		...					
Silverhill, Hastings ...	27	141	...	168	...	168	...	...	...	...		...		...		2	13	5	6	1	3	...		2	3
Southampton—St. Andrw's	300	281	323	904	...	904	200	125	325	205	0	5	0	16	0	6	0	...		1	2	4	10	2	10
,, —Totton ...	49	69	...	118	8	126	...	90	90	...		...		...		...		...		...		...		...	
,, —Woolston...	140	158	3	301	150	451	65	235	300	62	2	...		3	12	...		5	0	...		...		1	10
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		...		...		2	6	...		...		0	11
	13119	14228	6237	33584	15328	48912	6588	13774	20362	6972	2	1639	12	391	4	773	1	2209	1	499	4	103	1	416	7

,, —Notting Hill ...	5201	0	124	0	6155	10	868	16	55936	6															
,, —Old St. Pancras ...	2	2	...		...		...		...																
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,, —Regent Square ...	54	2	1092	0	...		3359	0																	
,, —St. John's Wood...	5	0	739	14	...		3197	14																	
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,, —Southwark ...	1	10	10	5	...		205	5																	
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,, —Streatham ...	...		11	15	...		870	15																	
,, —Tottenham ...	8	0	88	13	...		795	13																	
,, —Upper Norwood ...	...		51	14	...		512	14																	
,, —Victoria Docks ...	...		9	15	...		126	15																	
,, —Wandsworth ...	6	0	60	0	...		60	0																	
,, —Westbourne Grove	16	5	23	7	...		23	7																	
,, —Whitfield... ...	...		13	15	...		1018	15																	
,, —Willesden ...	1	10	20	16	...		978	16																	
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Norwich	3	0	56	1	...		931	1																	
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Miscellaneous ...	...		2	17	...		2	17																	

— SUMMARY. —

PRESBYTERIES.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES. Income for Congregational Purposes. Seat Rent.	Collections.	Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Total Ordinary.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.	STIPENDS. Sustentation.	Congregational.	Total.	SYNODICAL FINANCES. Total Sustentation Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.	Synod Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Schools.	Total.	Through United Presbyterian Church.	Total Income.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.
Berwick	1449	792	735	2976	2191	5167	1696	413	2109	1012 19	...	33 16	46 5	63 16	5 18	3 9	6 2	3 17	163 3	43 18	5374 1
Northumberland .	1911	1510	74	3495	1551	5046	3263	1267	4530	1628 16	15 0	70 4	32 2	105 7	16 6	5 0	20 17	12 19	277 15	121 9	5445 4
Newcastle ...	3838	8956	1437	14231	3705	17936	3226	5972	9198	2003 5	277 4	139 8	103 19	310 7	51 18	20 4	84 19	8 15	996 14	382 11	19315 5
Carlisle	931	1446	235	2612	678	3290	1633	832	2465	1016 11	21 0	26 4	56 4	64 5	10 0	...	3 15	0 8	181 16	126 12	3598 8
Darlington ...	786	4069	761	5616	4818	10434	622	2990	3612	232 10	32 10	34 0	47 9	300 12	21 10	...	25 10	2 0	463 11	38 2	10935 13
Liverpool ...	6249	5505	2701	14455	2962	17417	2800	6933	9733	3261 13	582 0	217 16	302 1	1015 17	134 18	30 17	118 1	27 1	2428 11	1038 17	20884 8
Manchester ...	4725	7057	1776	13558	4645	18203	3510	4904	8414	3271 15	344 3	158 15	171 19	781 3	53 17	26 3	88 3	17 8	1641 11	374 3	20218 14
Bristol	1294	1532	322	3148	1962	5110	1250	955	2205	1325 0	115 0	37 10	42 4	253 0	21 7	4 4	32 2	...	505 7	48 7	5663 14
Birmingham ...	1221	2965	211	4397	1176	5573	1577	1638	3215	1333 16	42 5	38 2	12 15	114 19	9 10	1 0	14 9	...	233 0	60 6	5866 6
London	13119	14228	6237	33584	15328	48912	6588	13774	20362	6979 2	1639 12	391 4	773 1	2209 1	499 4	103 1	416 7	124 0	6155 10	868 16	55936 6
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Scholarships, Legacies, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Thanksgiving Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5414 0	...	5414 0
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OVERTURES.

At Wallace Green Church, Berwick-on-Tweed, the sixth day of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven years; which time and place the Presbytery being met and duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

On the motion of Mr. Valence, the Presbytery unanimously agreed to overture the Synod as follows:—

"Whereas the standing, as Church members, of baptised children, and young people not as yet communicants, is to a large extent ignored, to the injury of said children, their parents, and the Church;

"Whereas the practical recognition of said standing is a right thing in itself, and would be productive of much good to all the above-mentioned parties;

"And whereas the United Presbyterian Church has recently made such recognition by the adoption of a scheme for the superintendence of said children and young people, and it is highly desirable that the practice of Churches federate and in communion should, on such a matter, be as far as possible the same:

"It is, therefore, humbly overtured to the Very Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to be held at London on the twenty-third day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven years, to take the subject into consideration, and determine thereanent as to its wisdom shall seem meet."

Messrs. Valence and Porteous were appointed to support this overture before the Synod.

Extracted from the records of the Berwick Presbytery by

ANDREW CANT, *Pres. Clerk.*

Market Place Church, Whitehaven, March 27th, 1877; which day and place the Carlisle Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of England met and was constituted.

Inter alia,—

On the motion of Mr. Boyd, which was seconded by Mr. Rogerson, the following overture on Temperance was adopted; and Mr. Boyd and Mr. Stacey Gee were appointed to support the same before the Synod:—

"Whereas the prevalence of intemperance in this country is a ground for national humiliation and sorrow before God, and one of the chief hindrances to the spread of vital godliness; whereas there is no organisation in this Church such as exists in various sister Churches, with the special object of combating the particular evil of intemperance; and whereas it is becoming more and more incumbent on the Church to use all wise and efficient means of guarding the people against the numerous temptations and dangers to which they are exposed, of falling into this and other vices, as well as of rescuing such as have already fallen: It is hereby humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Carlisle to the Venerable the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to be held in London on April 23rd ensuing, that the time has now come when a committee should be appointed as one of the

standing committees of this Church, charged with the special duties of keeping constant watch over this subject, taking such steps as may seem proper to deal with it, either in the way of forming a Temperance Association in connection with this Church or otherwise, and reporting on the subject to the Synod from year to year."

Extracted from the minutes.

JAMES CHRISTIE, B.A., *Pres. Clerk.*

At Common Hall, Hackens Hey, the 9th day of April, 1877 years; the which day and place the Presbytery of Liverpool met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

On the motion of the Rev. J. L. Rentoul, it was agreed to transmit the following overture to the Synod, and Mr. Rentoul was appointed to support the same :—

" Whereas by the new military arrangements regiments containing a considerable proportion of Presbyterian soldiers are being quartered in districts where there are no Presbyterian ministrations: It is humbly overtured by the Rev. the Presbytery of Liverpool to the Venerable the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to meet in London on twenty-third day of April, that they would take this matter into their serious consideration, and devise such means as may seem best for the spiritual oversight of those named in the overture."

Extracted from the minutes of the Presbytery of Liverpool by

GEORGE JOHNSTONE, *Pres. Clerk.*

At Common Hall, Hackens Hay, the 9th day of April, 1877 years; the which day and place the Presbytery of Liverpool met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

On the motion of Rev. James Towers, it was agreed to transmit the following overture to the Synod; and Mr. Towers was appointed to support the same :—

" Whereas drunkenness prevails to a lamentable extent among all classes of the community; whereas the money expended in drink impoverishes the poor and diminishes the resources of others for Christian and benevolent purposes; and whereas the traffic in drink and the social customs of our country hinder the progress of the Gospel at home and abroad: It is humbly overtured by the Rev. the Presbytery of Liverpool to the Venerable the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to meet in London on 23rd April, that they would take this whole subject into their serious consideration, and devise such measures as may tend to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church."

Extracted from the minutes of Presbytery of Liverpool by

GEORGE JOHNSTONE, *Pres. Clerk.*

The College, Queen Square House, the thirteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven years; at which time and place the Presbytery of London met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, seconded by the Rev. Dr. MacEwan, and agreed to, that the following overture be transmitted to the next Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, viz. :—

" It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of London to the Venerable the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to be held in London

in April next, that, in the event of its acceptance of the recommendation of the College Committee assigning the Departments of Apologetics and Pastoral Theology to the new Chair in the College, the choice of the Church should not be limited to its own borders; and that, as regards the emoluments of the Chair, the Church should not hesitate to provide such an income as may be required to prevent any sacrifice of personal interests on the part of any eminent man who may be selected for the appointment."

Extracted from the records of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

The College, Queen Square House, the thirteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven years; at which time and place the Presbytery of London met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, seconded by the Rev. T. Meyer, and agreed to, that the following overture be transmitted to the next Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, viz.:—

"It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of London to the Venerable the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to be held in London in April next, that, for the Chair newly constituted in the College, the qualifications of the Rev. Dr. Christlieb, Professor in the University of Bonn, are such as to deserve the careful consideration of the Church, and should be kept in view by the Synod in making such an appointment as to its wisdom may seem fit."

Extracted from the records of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

The College, Queen Square House, the tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven years; at which time and place the Presbytery of London met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

It was moved by the Clerk, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Edmond, and agreed to, that the following overture be transmitted to the Synod, viz.:—

"It is hereby humbly overtured by the Presbytery of London to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, appointed to meet in London on the 23rd inst., to take such steps as to its wisdom may seem best for the preparation and issue of a Formula of Questions to be used by the Presbyteries of this Church on licensing of preachers of the Gospel."

Extracted from the records of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

The College, Queen Square House, the tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven years; at which time and place the Presbytery of London met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Chalmers, and agreed to, that the following overture be transmitted to the next Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, viz.:—

"Whereas the Government Burials Bill now before the House of Lords entirely fails to remedy the grievances which Nonconformists in England

suffer in connection with the burial of their dead: It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of London to the Venerable the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to meet in London on the 23rd inst., to take the said Bill under consideration, and to declare, in whatever way to its wisdom may seem fit, the dissatisfaction of this Church with the provisions of said measure."

Extracted from the records of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

The College, Queen Square House, the tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven years; at which time and place the Presbytery of London met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

The Presbytery took up the following overture from the Session of Highbury, viz.:—

"Whereas of late years there has grown up in the Churches a greatly increased sense of their responsibility for the spread of the Gospel among the careless thousands in the land, and of the duty incumbent on individual Christians in regard to the salvation of their fellow-men, so that many have felt impelled to engage personally in Evangelistic labours, by giving Gospel addresses, and gathering around them companies of people who become attached to their ministrations; and

"Whereas it is desirable that such earnest Christian work should not be outside the organised Churches, but be recognised, encouraged, and guided by them so as to obtain the advantage of their experience, resources, and order, the Churches themselves being thereby benefited, and the results of the work rendered the more stable and abiding; and

"Whereas, further, there are missionaries employed by individual congregations, or otherwise appointed to labour in necessitous districts, who, by God's blessing on their labours, see numbers led to wait on the preaching of the Gospel, and sinners thereby converted, and who in time become practically pastors to those whom they have been the means of bringing under the power of the truth, while yet they have received no formal training for the work of the Ministry, and have no defined status in the Church:

"It is humbly overtured by the Session of Highbury to the Synod about to meet in London in April next, that careful consideration be given to the question in what way the Church may best formally recognise and most efficiently employ such agents in the work of preaching the Gospel, and what relations to the government and organisation of the Church they should be held to sustain, with a view to give to the Church all the advantages of individual zeal and ardour, and to zealous workers all the benefits of the Church's sympathy and supervision."

On the motion of the Rev. Dr. Dykes, seconded by Mr. Robert Wales, the Presbytery resolved to adopt the aforesaid overture, and to transmit it to the Synod.

The overture was transmitted accordingly, and the Rev. Dr. Edmond and the Rev. Dr. Dykes were appointed to appear in support thereof at the Synod.

Extracted from the records of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

At Manchester, and within Brunswick Street Church, the 8th day of January, 1877 years; which time and place the Presbytery of Manchester being met and duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

The Rev. Wm. T. Johnston, in pursuance of notice given at previous meeting, moved the transmission of the following overture to the ensuing meeting of Synod:—

" Whereas it is of the utmost consequence that the Presbyterial oversight of students be of such a character that their proficiency shall be thoroughly tested at the several stages of their theological course; and whereas the present general practice of examining orally in private, by a committee appointed for the purpose, lacks certain important advantages which would be likely to attend public Presbyterial, combined with written examination, or examination by writing only; and whereas, further, it is highly desirable that there be uniformity of practice throughout the Presbyteries in respect of the examination of students: It is, therefore, humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Manchester to the Very Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, to take those premises into consideration, and to introduce such a change into the present ordinary method of examining as shall be for the interest of the students, and of the Church generally."

Which motion was seconded by the Rev. John A. Gardiner, and unanimously agreed to; and Messrs. Johnston and Gardiner were appointed to support the overture before the Synod.

Extracted from the records of the Presbytery of Manchester by

JOHN GORDON, *Pres. Clerk.*

At Manchester, and within the building of the Young Men's Christian Association, Peter Street, the 2nd day of April, 1877 years; which time and place the Presbytery of Manchester being met and duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

The Rev. A. H. Drysdale, in pursuance of notice given at previous meeting, moved the transmission of the following overture to the ensuing meeting of Synod:—

" That as the Thanksgiving Fund Committee shall at once be put in possession of subscriptions and contributions, and as it is desirable that congregations deeply involved in debt should immediately have their full energies called forth in its entire liquidation; and further, that as timely assistance offered on wise conditions would probaby prove highly effective in prompting liberal efforts locally: It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Manchester, that the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, to meet in London on 23rd April ensuing, taking the preceding circumstances into consideration, instruct the 'Thanksgiving Committee' to utilise a portion of the unappropriated funds at its disposal, in at once making offers to encumbered congregations, so as to lose no time in promoting in such cases the entire liquidation of Church debt."

The motion was seconded by the Rev. Wm. R. Murray.

It was moved as an amendment by the Rev. John A. Gardiner—That the overture be not transmitted.

The amendment, not having been seconded, lapsed, and the original motion was agreed to; the Revs. Messrs. Drysdale and Murray to support the overture before the Synod.

Extracted from the records of the Presbytery of Manchester by

JOHN GORDON, *Pres. Clerk.*

John Knox Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, March 13th, 1877; at which place and time the Presbytery met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

It was agreed, on the motion of the Rev. John Thompson, to overture the Synod as follows, viz.:—

" Unto the Reverend the Moderator and the remanent members of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to meet in Regent Square Church, London, on Monday, the 23rd April, 1877.

"Whereas the Presbyteries of the Church have received official information that the College Committee have agreed to recommend that there be instituted in the College a Chair of Apologetics and Pastoral Theology; and whereas these two subjects are of prime importance in the training of students for the Holy Ministry: It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Newcastle-on-Tyne that the Synod adopt the recommendation of its Committee; and in the event of this being done, it is further overtured by the Presbytery of Newcastle that the Synod consider the claims of the Revs. Dr. Christlieb, Dr. Walter Morison, Dr. J. Oswald Dykes, and Dr. Watts, of Belfast, as suitable persons to discharge the duties of such a professorship."

Extracted from the minutes of the Presbytery of Newcastle-on-Tyne by

JOHN BLACK, *Pres. Clerk.*

John Knox Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 10th April, 1877; at which place and time the Presbytery met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

An overture in favour of Disestablishment from the Session at Houghton-le-Spring was laid on the Table, together with an extract minute of Session requesting the transmission of the same to the Synod; and it was ordered to be transmitted accordingly.

Extracted from the minutes of the Presbytery of Newcastle-on-Tyne by

JOHN BLACK, *Pres. Clerk.*

Overture from the Session of Houghton-le-Spring.

"Whereas the Established Churches of Great Britain have failed to accomplish the object for which they were endowed, as is seen by the fact that at least one-half of the Christian community belong to Churches that have no connection with the State; and whereas the teaching of many of the State-paid clergy is opposed to the truth and simplicity of the Gospel of Christ: It is humbly overtured by the Session of Houghton-le-Spring to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, appointed to meet in London on the 23rd day of April, 1877, that the Synod take such steps as in its wisdom may seem meet to secure the disestablishment and disendowment of the Established Churches of Great Britain."

The Moderator was appointed to support the overture.

JAMES MILLIGAN, *Moderator.*
JOHN BATEY, *Session Clerk.*

Presbyterian Church, Houghton-le-Spring,
1st April, 1877.

Inter alia,—

The Session unanimously resolved to overture the Synod appointed to meet in London on the 23rd April, on the subject of Disestablishment and Disendowment of the State Churches of Great Britain.

The overture having been read and approved, it was agreed respectfully to request the Presbytery to transmit the same.

The Moderator was appointed to support it before the Synod.

Extracted from minutes of Session by

JOHN BATEY, *Session Clerk.*

At Clayport Street Church, Alnwick, April 10th, 1877; which day and place the Presbytery met and was constituted. Rev. William Ross, Moderator *pro tem.*

Inter alia,—

Mr. Limont submitted an overture in his own name on the appointment of a

Professor, and at his request it was agreed to transmit the same to the Committee on Bills, &c.

"Whereas the proper training of students for the work of the Ministry is of vital importance to the welfare of the Church, and depends largely on the appointment of a sufficient number of duly-qualified Professors; and whereas it desirable to increase the number of Chairs of Theology in the College of this Church, with a view to its increased efficiency: It is humbly overtured that the Synod at its meeting in London during the month of April, 1877, take the whole subject of the best mode and time of appointing an additional Professor into careful consideration. Further, the overturist suggests that the duties of the Chair should be defined and sanctioned at the ensuing meeting, and that Presbyteries should be instructed to send up to the College Committee, not later than February, 1878, the names of ministers whom they consider suitable for the said Chair."

Extracted from the records of the Presbytery of Northumberland on this the welfth day in April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven years, by

JAMES BLYTHE, *Pres. Clerk.*

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* In consequence of the deliverance of Synod regarding a Treasurership Committee and Financial Secretary, these appointments are all *pro tempore*.

SYNOD

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

FIRST SEDERUNT.

At Manchester, and within Grosvenor Square Church,
On Monday, the 29th day of April, 1878, 6 *o'clock* P.M.

Monday, 29th April.

Which time and place the Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of England, and Ruling Elders, Commissioners to the Synod of said Church, appointed to be held at Manchester this day, convened; and Public Worship was conducted by the Rev. William McKerrow, D.D., *Emeritus* Minister at Manchester, and Moderator of last Synod, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Dykes. Dr. McKerrow preached from Col. ii., 8. "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, ... and not after Christ."

Thereafter, and the services of the sanctuary having been concluded, the Synod was constituted with prayer by Dr. McKerrow, and the names of the Ministers and Elders on the Clerk's Roll were laid on the table, as follow :—

Constituted.

MINISTERIAL FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

Roll.

Rev. William Duffus ... ... Swatow.	*Rev. William Macgregor . Amoy.
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* The Rev. R. M. McInnes,
The Rev. James Brown (Paisley),
* The Rev. James Buchanan,
The Rev. Thomas Dobbie, *Ministers:*
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* Mr. Forrest Frew (Helensburgh),
Mr. George Paterson (Glasgow),
Mr. Robert Anderson (Edinburgh), *Elders.*

Note A.—Members whose names have an asterisk (*) prefixed, not having entered their names on the Attendance Roll, there is no record of their having been present at the Synod.

Note B.—Places printed in *Italics* are Preaching Stations.

Moderator. Dr. McKerrow reminded the Synod that at its last meeting it had made choice of the Rev. Dr. William Chalmers, Professor of Theology, to be Moderator of this Synod. The Synod cordially confirmed the appointment, and Dr. Chalmers, by the Synod's desire, took the Chair, and delivered a suitable address.

Standing Orders. The Standing Orders in use at last meeting of Synod were adopted *ad interim*, and were held as read.

Thanks. The Synod's thanks were tendered to the Rev. Dr. McKerrow for his conduct in the Chair at last meeting of Synod, and for the Sermon this evening delivered, which they request him to publish.

Ministerial Changes. The Synod called for the Report of the Ministerial Changes that have taken place during the past Synodical year. The Report was given in by the Clerk.

The Synod receive the Report, and order it to be printed along with the other Reports submitted to the House.

In connection with this Report Mr. Hugh M. Matheson invited the special attention of the Synod to the death, as intimated therein, of the Rev. Dr. Carstairs Douglas, the Church's Senior Missionary to China, and moved the appointment of a Committee to prepare a suitable Minute regarding him to be entered on the Synod's Records. Dr. Carstairs Douglas.

The Synod resolve accordingly, and appoint the following Committee, namely:—The Moderator, Rev. Dr. Dykes, Rev. W. Duffus, and Mr. H. M. Matheson—Mr. Matheson, Convener—with instructions to report at a future Sederunt.

The Synod then appointed the following Committees, namely:— Committees.

I.—Committee on Bills, Overtures, and Business.

Ministers—Revs. Ballantyne Brodie, Robert Scott, J. M. McKerrow. Dr. Simpson, Peter Rutherford, J. Howie Boyd, John Tannahill, Thomas Boyd, Dr. Mackay, Dr. McLeod, R. H. Lundie, W. Graham, J. L. Rentoul, Dr. Hamilton, T. W. Brown, W. Ballantyne, W. Dinwiddie, Dr, Edmond, Dr. Dykes, Dr. Fraser, Dr. Morison, Dr. Grosart, J. A. Gardiner, Dr. Russell, J. T. McGaw, Richard Leitch, John Thompson, William Limont, Dr. Anderson, and the Synod Clerk. *Elders*—Messrs. D. D. Hepburn, James E. Mathieson, Robert Hedley, Thomas Moffat, William Lockhart, W. A. Boulnois, Thomas Bell, Hugh M. Matheson, George Duncan, John C. Edgar, George B. Bruce, Samuel Stitt.

Convener—Rev. Dr. McKerrow,
Clerk—Rev. Wm. Ballantyne.

II.—Committee on Commissions and Records.

Ministers—Revs. Dr. Macnair, John Rutherford, W. A. McAllan, John W. Ellison, W. A. P. Johnman, George Lewis, James Muir, Hugh T. Howat, Patrick White, Dr. Lorimer, Dr. Davidson, Dr. Drummond, Dr. White, W. G. Elmslie, Dr. Wright, Dr. Moore, W. Rigby Murray, W. T. Johnston, Charles Moinet, John Reid, Sen., James Breakey, George Bell, Sylvester M. McClelland, James B. Dougherty, David Henderson, Dr. Paterson, A. W. Carmichael, Robert Balgarnie. *Elders*—Messrs. James Byers, Robert Whyte. Dr. Ward, Messrs. Andrew Mouat, Robert Sumner, C. E. Lewis, M.P., Messrs. James S. Ness, Andrew Wark, Charles Kynoch, F. J. Horniman,

Thomas Hall, Robert H. Brown, George Bell, Jun., James C. Stevenson, M.P.

Convener—Rev. Dr. Drummond.
Clerk—Rev John Reid, Sen.

III.—Committee to Suggest Names of Selection Committee.
Ministers—Revs. R. H. Lundie, James Muir. *Elders*—Messrs. James Watson, H. M. Matheson, Samuel Stitt.
Convener—Mr. Watson.

Bristol Presbytery.

The Moderator of the Bristol Presbytery asked and the Synod granted leave for said Presbytery to meet to-morrow morning at Nine o'clock.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock for the observance of the Lord's Supper, and thereafter for ordinary business, of which public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

Tuesday, 30th April.

At Manchester, and within Grosvenor Square Church,
On Tuesday, the 30th day of April, 1878, 10 *o'clock* A.M.

Constituted.

Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with devotional exercises.

Lord's Supper.

The Synod proceeded to the observance of the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper; the Moderator conducting the service, assisted by Mr. Thomas Matheson, Rev. Dr. Grosart, Rev. Archd. N. Mackray, and Rev. John Sclater.

The solemn service being ended, the Moderator—the Synod remaining constituted—pronounced the Benediction.

The Synod resumed business at a quarter before Twelve o'clock.

Minutes sustained.

The Minutes of the last Evening's Sederunt were read and sustained.

Elders' Commissions.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Elders' Commissions, which was given in by Dr. Drummond, Convener, to the effect that Commissions have been received in favour of 227 Representative Elders, and that though in a few there are some slight inaccuracies, yet they are all substantially valid.

The Synod receive the Report, and sustain all the Commissions.

Corresponding Members from U.P. Synod.

There was laid on the table an Extract Minute from the Records of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, bearing that the Synod had appointed the following brethren to be Corresponding Members of this Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, namely:—The Revs. Dr. Robert Frew, Dr. Andrew Thomson, Peter Leys, George Wade, R. M. MacInnes, James Brown (Paisley), James Buchanan, Thomas Dobbie, *Ministers;* with Messrs. John Burt (Glasgow), Forrest Frew (Helensburgh), George Paterson (Glasgow), and Robert Anderson (Edinburgh), *Elders;* Dr. Thomson, Convener.

The Synod receive the Commission, and instruct that the names of these respected brethren be added as Corresponding Members to the Roll.

The Moderator tendered to them a cordial welcome, and Dr. Thomson, in their name, made a suitable response.

Bills and Business.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Bills, Overtures, and Business, which was given in by the Rev. W. Ballantyne, Clerk.

The Synod receive the Report, and inasmuch as the order of business therein suggested is in some degree inconsistent with the 15th Standing Order, the Synod so far suspend such Order, and resolve to take up the business in the order indicated in the Report.

Classing Returns.

The Synod appoint the following a Committee to class the Returns of Presbyteries to last Synod's Remits, namely:—Revs. Robert Taylor, Robert Black, J. Selater, and John Black, with Mr. James Robb, *Elder* —Rev. Robert Taylor, *Convener;* with instructions to report at an early Sederunt.

Home Mission.

The Synod called for the Report of the Home Mission Committee, which was given in by the Rev. William McCaw, one of the Conveners; the other Joint Convener, the Rev. W. Rigby Murray, addressing the Synod on the subject.

The Financial Statement was submitted by Mr. Samuel Stitt, Treasurer.

The Synod receive the report, and record their thanks to the Committee, especially the office-bearers.

Church Extension. They concur with the Committee in the conviction that, in the department of Church Extension, it was right, in all the circumstances, to make the past year one of consolidation rather than of enlargement, and they are thankful to hear that the numerous churches recently planted are making such satisfactory progress.

Evangelisation. Believing it to be the bounden duty of the Church to not only nurture her own members, but also to carry the Gospel to those that are without, the Synod are gratified to be assured that almost all the Congregations are adopting some agencies for reclaiming those that are out of the way; and they trust that the coming year will be one of increased earnestness and success in the work of Evangelisation.

Temperance. They deeply sympathise with the Committee in deploring the fearful ravages of intemperance in the country; and they renew their earnest recommendation that every Minister of the Church keep the subject of intemperance prominently before the mind of his Congregation, and specially that on one Sabbath at least during the year he preach a sermon on the question. Convinced as they are that the closing of public-houses during the whole of the Lord's Day would prove such a priceless boon to England and Ireland as it has for a quarter of a century been to Scotland, they resolve to petition the Commons House of Parliament in favour of each of the Sunday Closing Bills at present on the table of their Honourable House.

Funds. The present condition of the Home Mission Fund is to the Synod a source of deep anxiety. They look on this as one of the most important enterprises in which the Church is engaged; and they feel that for the Committee to be so crippled in their work through the lack of means reflects grave discredit on the Congregations of the Church. They do trust that the Church will realise the gravity of the juncture, and, specially by the formation of Congregational Associations, will see to it that the Treasury of the Mission be replenished, and the work of the Lord be not hindered.

Evangelistic Workers. The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Newcastle on the appointment of Itinerating Evangelists, along with certain

Recommendations in the Home Mission Report anent Evangelistic Workers, which are as follow:—

1. That each Session regard it as part of its duty to look out among its own Members or those of the Congregation for suitable Evangelistic Workers, and in all competent ways promote Mission Work within its own bounds.

2. That no Evangelistic Worker be recognised who is not a member of the Presbyterian Church, recommended by his Session, and approved of by the Presbytery's Evangelistic Committee.

3. That his recognition be for a period, in the first instance, of not more than three years.

4. That while labouring in connection with a particular Congregation, he be amenable to its Session, and when labouring more generally in a large town or district he be amenable to the Presbytery of the bounds.

5. That so far as his status in relation to the government and organisation of the Church is concerned, the Synod pass no specific regulations, but determine each case that arises on its own merits.

The Overture from the Presbytery of Newcastle was read.

It was moved and seconded that the Synod adopt *ad interim* the recommendations of the Committee. First Motion.

Further, they resolve that the Overture from the Presbytery of Newcastle in regard to the employment of Itinerating Evangelists to labour under the immediate direction and control of the Synod be referred to the Home Mission Committee for consideration, with instructions to report to next meeting of Synod.

It was also moved and seconded as a second Motion— Second Motion.

That power be given to the Presbytery of London, if it shall see fit, to ordain not exceeding two of the Preachers connected with this Church, and who on inquiry shall be found best fitted for the work of Home Evangelisation; that these Evangelists when ordained shall place their services at the disposal of the Home Mission Committee, in co-operation with such Presbyteries as may claim their help; and that a stipend be paid from the Home Mission Fund to each Evangelist so appointed at the rate of the equal dividend of the Sustentation Fund for the year immediately preceding.

Further, it was moved and seconded as a third Motion—

That the recommendations of the Home Mission Committee in regard to the employment of Evangelistic Workers be adopted *ad* Third Motion.

interim, and that the whole subject, including the Overture from the Presbytery of Newcastle, be again remitted to the Presbyteries of the Church and to the Home Mission Committee and report be made to next Synod.

Finding.

The Synod resolved to go to the vote and to take it by a show of hands. The first question was, whether the second or the third Motion shall be put as an Amendment to the first. Votes were counted, and the second was carried by a majority. The second question was, whether the first or the second shall be the decision of the House. Votes were counted, and the first was carried by a majority. Wherefore the Synod did and hereby do decide in terms of the first Motion.

Committee on Temperance.

The Synod took up another Recommendation contained in the Home Mission Report, to the effect that the Synod appoint a Standing Committee to be charged with the interests of Temperance.

After consideration it was resolved to postpone a deliverance on this question till after a decision has been come to on the re-construction of the Committees of the Synod.

Applications from Ministers

The Synod took up Applications—from the Presbytery of London, in favour of the Rev. David Blue; from the Presbytery of Birmingham, in favour of the Rev. Enoch Franks; from the Presbytery of Darlington, in favour of the Rev. J. Sidebottom; and from the Presbytery of Berwick, in favour of the Rev. Robert Smith; to the effect that these brethren be admitted into the Ministry of this Church.

Papers in these several cases were laid on the table. The Synod refer these with the Applications to a Committee, with instructions to consider them, confer with the parties appointed to support the Applications, and report to a subsequent Diet; the Committee to consist of the Revs. Drs. Lorimer and Anderson, R. H. Lundie, J. Matheson, T. W. Brown, James Muir, David Tasker, and John Reid, Sen.; with Messrs. H. M. Matheson, James Robb, G. B. Bruce, James Watson, and George Bell, Jun., *Elders;* Rev. James Muir, *Convener.*

Applications from Stations.

The Synod took up Applications—from the Presbytery of London, in regard to the Preaching Stations at Eastbourne and Withyham; and from the Presbytery of Berwick, in regard to that at Holy Island; to the effect that the Synod empower these Presbyteries to erect said Stations into stated Charges so soon as they deem it expedient so to do.

Papers in these cases having been laid on the table, the Synod refer them to a Committee, with instructions to consider them, confer with parties appointed to support the Applications and report to a future Sederunt; the Committee to be the following:—Revs. Dr. Simpson, W. Rigby Murray, W. Graham, Thomas Macpherson, Peter Valence, Dr. Fraser, Robert Taylor, Dr. Drummond; with Messrs. Robert Morton, Robert Wales, Rev. J. M. Ross, and J. A. Beith; Dr. Simpson, *Convener*.

Sale Case.

The Synod took up the case of a Protest and Appeal by Mr. William Armstrong and others against a deliverance of the Presbytery of Manchester, in regard to the erection of a Manse at Sale. Papers in the case were laid on the table.

A proposal was made to refer the case to a Committee; but the time of adjournment having arrived, the Synod postponed its consideration till the evening.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned to meet again this evening at Six o'clock; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

Tuesday, 30th April.

At Manchester, and within Grosvenor Square Church,
On Tuesday, the 30th day of April, 1878, *Six o'clock* P.M.

Constituted.

Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Sale Case.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Protest and Appeal in the case of Sale.

Parties were called, when there appeared Mr. William Armstrong on behalf of the Appellants, and Rev. William McCaw and Rev. W. Rigby Murray on the part of the Presbytery.

The Synod, with consent of parties, resolve to refer the case to a Committee, with power to call parties, and report to a future Diet, the Committee to consist of the Revs. Drs. Fraser, Drummond, Dykes, and

Wright; Messrs. R. H. Lundie, George Lewis, John Thompson, and William Dinwiddie, *Ministers;* Messrs. H. M. Matheson, C. E. Lewis, George Duncan, J. C. Stevenson, George B. Bruce, Gainsford Bruce, Andrew Wark, R. T. Turnbull, and John M. Leitch, *Elders;* Mr. C. E. Lewis, *Convener.*

Leeds Case.

The Synod took up the case of a Dissent and Complaint by the Rev. John Clelland against a judgment of the Presbytery of Manchester in regard to the selection of a site for the Hanover Square Church, Leeds.

Papers in the case were laid on the table, and parties called, when there appeared the Rev. John Clelland for himself, and the Revs. Dr. McKerrow and Dr. Russell for the Presbytery.

A motion was made and seconded to the effect that, with consent of parties, the case should be referred to a Committee. Parties, however, declining to give their consent, the Synod resolve that it be considered by the Court itself, and that its consideration be postponed till a future diet, the Committee on Business finding an appropriate time.

Lapsed Presbyterians.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of London anent Scottish and Irish Presbyterians settling in England.

The Overture having been read, the Rev. Dr. White was heard in support of it.

The Synod receive the Overture, and resolve to acknowledge the goodness of God in the large measure of success which has been bestowed upon the labours of this Church in recent years, but greatly regret that so many Presbyterians from Scotland and Ireland settling in England do not continue their connection with the Church of their fathers.

They appoint a Committee to consider the whole subject and report to next Synod, namely :—Revs. Dr. Fisher, Dr. MacEwan, Dr. W. K. Moore, A. B. Mackay, A. B. Muir, Henry Miller, J. M. Ross; Messrs. W. Carruthers, C. Kynoch, A. J. Malcolm, R. Morton, J. Ness, J. Watson, R. T. Turnbull, and D. Sutherland; Rev. Dr. Verner M. White, *Convener.*

Further, they instruct the Deputations from this Synod to the Churches in Scotland and Ireland to bring the matter prominently before the Churches at which they are commissioned to appear; and Presbyteries and Sessions to look carefully after it in their several spheres.

The Synod called for the Report of the Jewish Mission Committee, which was given in by the Rev. Robert Taylor, Convener, who addressed the House in regard to it. Jewish Mission.

The Financial Statement was submitted by Mr. James S. Ness, Treasurer.

The Rev. Theodore Meyer, the Church's Missionary to the Jews in London, addressed the Synod regarding his work in that field.

The Synod receive the Report and give thanks to the God of all grace that, notwithstanding special trials and difficulties, the work of this Mission has been conducted with unabated zeal and efficiency, and with some measure of spiritual success, during the past year.

The Synod have heard with satisfaction of the inquiries made by their Missionary, Mr. Meyer, under the direction of the Committee, with a view to the selection of a suitable station on the Continent of Europe for a Branch of their Mission to the Jews; and, without pronouncing a positive judgment in favour of the particular city named in the Resolution embodied in the Report, the Synod commend this important subject to the continued consideration of their Committee, and authorise them to enter upon this proposed new work so soon as in their judgment the way shall be open for so doing.

The Synod, while thankfully acknowledging the increased amount of the contributions to this Mission, direct the attention of Ministers and other Office-bearers to the need of a considerably larger revenue to provide for the maintenance of the New Mission; and they earnestly commend their Mission to Israel to the enlarged liberality and the continued sympathy and prayers of the Church.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to prepare a Memorial Minute relative to the late Rev. Dr. Carstairs Douglas. The report was submitted by Mr. Hugh M. Matheson, Convener, who laid on the table draft of said Minute. Dr. C. Douglas.

The Synod receive the Report, adopt the draft submitted, and order it to be entered on the Records of Synod, as follows:—

In recording the removal by death of the Rev. Carstairs Douglas, LL.D., the Senior Missionary of this Church in China, the Synod cannot but feel deeply grateful for a gift so valuable from the Church's Head, and although he was taken away at the early age of forty-six, it was not until he had been honoured to accomplish a ministry singularly prosperous and complete.

His powerful and cultured mind was entirely consecrated to the cause of the Gospel in China. Ever foremost in the Evangelistic work of the Mission, in which both his zeal and his aptitude and skill were conspicuous, he applied himself so assiduously to the Chinese language that he became a master of it to a very unusual degree, and took a foremost place among Chinese scholars. His "Dictionary of the Amoy Dialect," published in 1874, is a legacy of permanent value to the Churches, and to Chinese scholarship.

He was founder of the training school for native preachers at Amoy, and had the joy of seeing one of its pupils, after being also its resident tutor, ordained to the Ministry over our first self-supporting native Congregation.

From his wisdom and tact, he was the cherished counsellor of the brethren, and at the recent important Conference of Protestant Missionaries, to the number of 120, the estimation in which he was held was manifested by his being unanimously elected one of the two Presidents, the other being an American.

The Synod express their warm sympathy with the brothers and sister of Dr. Douglas, and with the bereaved brethren in China, both European and native, commending them all to the Divine grace and consolation.

Foreign Missions.

The Synod called for the Report of the Foreign Missions Committee, which was given in by Mr. Hugh M. Matheson, Convener, who addressed the Synod on the subject, and who read the translation of a deeply interesting letter addressed to the Synod by the Presbytery of Amoy.

The Financial Statement was submitted by Mr. John Bell, Joint Treasurer.

The Synod was addressed by the Rev. William Duffus, Missionary from Swatow, on his work in China, and by Professor Simpson, Edinburgh, a Member of the Free Church Deputation.

The Synod receive the Report. While very thankful for the steady progress of the work in China, among the evidences of which are the baptism of 200 adults during the year, the ordination of a native pastor for the first time over a self-supporting native Congregation, and the appointment of a missionary to the Hakkas; they have heard with profound sorrow of the death of their Senior Missionary, Dr. Carstairs Douglas, after twenty-two years of noble service in the Mission field.

They trust that additional labourers will be raised up, not only to take the places of those who are removed, but to strengthen the mission for carrying on the extending work which God is opening up before it on every hand.

The Synod hail with satisfaction the accession of Miss Ricketts to the Mission Staff at Swatow, for the purpose of training native women to act as Bible-women, and of superintending and directing their work.

The Synod rejoice at the favourable entrance which Dr. Morison has had into their Mission at Rampore Bauleah in Bengal, and commend him and his native fellow labourer to the sympathy and prayers of the Church.

Business Committee.

The Business Committee submitted a supplementary Report, which the Synod receive and adopt.

Selection Committee.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to suggest names of the Selection Committee, which was given in by Mr. James Watson, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof appoint the following as the Selection Committee, namely:—The Conveners of the following Standing Committees: The College, Home Mission, Foreign Missions, Sustentation Fund, Jews, and Church Building, as follow:—Revs. Dr. Dykes, Wm. McCaw, Dr. Fraser, Robert Taylor, R. H. Lundie; Mr. H. M. Matheson; with the following: Mr. S. Stitt, Rev. James Muir, Mr. James Watson, Revs. John Thompson, James M. McKerrow, Wm. Porteous, Mr. R. Wales; Rev. James Muir, *Convener*.

Northumberland Presbytery.

The Synod granted leave to the Presbytery of Northumberland to meet to-morrow at 5.30 p.m.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

Wednesday, 1st May.

At Manchester, and within Grosvenor Square Church, On Wednesday, the 1st day of May, 1878, 10 *o'clock* A.M.

Constituted.

Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with devotional exercises.

Minutes sustained.

The Minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were read, and approved of.

Publications.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Publications, which was given in by Mr. William Carruthers, Secretary, in the absence of Dr. Edmond, Convener.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report, approve the diligence of the Committee, especially thank the Treasurer, Mr. W. T. G. Blaikie, instruct the Synod Treasurer to pay the sum due to him of £121 10s. 4d., and with the view of providing the necessary capital for the Committee's Work appoint a Collection to be made in the Congregations of the Church on the Third Sabbath of June, or some other early convenient day.

Classing Returns.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to class Returns from Presbyteries to Remits of Synod, which was given in by the Rev. Robert Taylor, Convener. The Report was read and received, so far as it concerned Remits on the re-arrangement of Committees; the section classing Returns regarding the Barbour Professorship being reserved till that subject come before the Synod.

General Secretary.

The Synod proceeded to consider the questions brought up in the Returns from Presbyteries; when it was moved and seconded—That the Synod elect a General Secretary.

It was also moved and seconded as a second Motion—That a General Secretary be appointed, and that the duties of his office shall include the Home Work, the Sustentation Fund, and any further work allocated to him by Synodical Committees.

The Synod agree to proceed to the vote, and to take the same by a show of hands, the question being first or second Motion; when it was found on counting votes that the second Motion was carried by a

majority of 10. Wherefore the Synod did, and hereby do, resolve in terms of the second Motion.

Treasurership.

It was then moved and seconded—That the Treasurership of the Church be vested in a Financial Committee of twelve members, all resident in London or its vicinity, who shall appoint a Financial Secretary (security being given), who shall render assistance also to the General Secretary.

It was moved and seconded as a second Motion—That a General Treasurer be appointed, who shall be placed under the superintendence of a Committee of Ten elected by the Synod.

Further, it was moved and seconded as a third Motion—That no General Treasurer be appointed at this Synod.

After consideration, the mover and seconder of the second Motion, with consent of the House, withdrew said Motion, and the Synod proceeded to the vote as between the first and third Motions, when votes being reckoned, the first Motion was carried by a majority. Wherefore the Synod did, and hereby do, resolve in terms of the first Motion.

Time of Appointment of Secretary.

The Synod having resolved on the appointment of a General Secretary, agree to fix the hour of Eight o'clock to-morrow evening as the Time for the Appointment of such Secretary.

Amalgamation of Committees.

It was moved and seconded—That a Home Mission Board be formed, to which shall be entrusted:—1. The Work of Church Extension. 2. Church Building and Debt Extinction. 3. Evangelistic Work.

It was also moved and seconded as a second Motion—That the Committee on Home Work include the Committees on Home Mission, Church Building and Debt Extinction, Distribution of Probationers, and Sabbath Schools.

Still further, it was moved and seconded as a third Motion—That the Synod, while recognising the advisability of aiming at a gradual reduction of the number of the Committees of the Church, where it may be found that any can be dispensed with or associated, and also of exercising greater care in future not to appoint new Committees unnecessarily, are of opinion that the Church could not without serious loss abandon its present mode of administration by Committees directly responsible to the Synod, in favour of General Committees or Boards

which must be divided into Sub-Committees chiefly responsible not to the Synod but to the said Boards.

After deliberation, with consent of the House, the several Motions were withdrawn; and the Synod resolved to remit the various plans for amalgamation of Committees to a large Committee with instructions to report to next Synod, when the entire question may be fully considered.

Ministers' Widows and Orphans Fund.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Ministers' Widows and Orphans Fund, which was given in by the Rev. Thomas W. Brown, Convener, who addressed the Synod on the subject.

The Financial Statement was submitted by Mr. Thomas Matheson, Treasurer.

Motion.

It was moved and seconded—The Synod receive the Report, record their thankfulness to God for the success which has hitherto attended the Fund, and in conformity with the recommendation of the Committee—

1. Formally adopt the Widows and Orphans Fund as the Widows and Orphans Fund of the Presbyterian Church of England.

2. Resolve that those Ministers, formerly of the United Presbyterian Church, who have already declared their wish to join the Fund, be at once admitted; and that any other Ministers, formerly of the United Presbyterian Church, or who have been inducted since the Union to charges formerly United Presbyterian or Reformed Presbyterian, be also admitted, provided they shall express a wish to that effect on or before the first day of July next.

That the first contribution of these New Members be £5, payable on October 1, 1878.

That, at the time of admission as above, the Congregations over which these Ministers are placed shall contribute to the Fund a sum not less than two per cent. on the Minister's present stipend, for one year, in lieu of induction fee.

3. Declare that, in consideration of the admission of so many additional Ministers to the Fund, it is needful that the capital be strengthened by an increase of not less than £2000, to be provided mainly by the United Presbyterian portion of the Church, and appoint Messrs. Thomas Holden, W. P. Sinclair, and Samuel Stitt, to the charge of endeavouring to obtain that amount by collections or otherwise within the Synodical year.

4. Abolish the increase of rate hitherto imposed on Members, who

from causes other than ill-health or advanced age may have ceased to hold office within the Church, and who desire to continue their connection with the Fund.

5. Adopt the Rules of the Fund as given at the close of the Report.

6. Enjoin Presbytery Clerks to apprise beforehand all future Entrants on the Ministry in this Church of the fact that their induction involves connection with the Widows and Orphans Fund, and to inform Congregations of the fee which is payable on the occasion of each induction.

It was moved and seconded as an Amendment—That, in adopting the Report, the paragraph be excepted which proposes the abolition of the differential rate of premium, and that the said rate remain as before. Amendment.

The Synod proceeded to the vote—the question being Motion or Amendment—when it was found that the Motion was carried by a majority. Wherefore the Synod did and hereby do resolve in terms of the Motion. Finding.

The Synod adjourned to meet again this evening at Six o'clock; whereof public intimation having been given, the Sederunt was closed with prayer. Adjournment.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

At Manchester, and within Grosvenor Square Church,
On Wednesday, the 1st day of May, 1878, 6 *o'clock* P.M. Wednesday, 1st May.

Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer. Constituted.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Day Schools, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Lorimer, Convener, who addressed the Synod on the subject. Day schools.

The Financial Statement was submitted by Mr. John Johnstone, Treasurer.

The Synod receive the Report, and renew the instructions of last Synod to the Committee to ascertain and report from time to time the effects resulting to our Schools from the recent legislation of the country on Elementary Education. Further, they instruct them to confer with

the College Committee on the means and measures which might be adopted in order to encourage the maintenance and extension of Secondary Education in connection with the Church, and to make the same available to the young both in our rural and urban Congregations, and to report the result of their Conference to next Synod.

And further, they remit to the Committee to ascertain and report the entire number of Schools in connection with the Congregations of the Church, the number of Scholars attending the same respectively, with the relative proportion in each who have passed the examinations of the Government Inspectors, and also in how many of the Schools the Teachers are competent to instruct in Latin, Greek, and Mathematics.

Sabbath Schools.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, which was given in by Mr. James Robb, Convener, who addressed the Synod in regard to it.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report, with thanks to the Committee for their diligence. The Synod again rejoice in the evidence placed before them of increased labour and continued success throughout the Church in Sabbath-School Work and the religious Instruction of the Young; express confidence in the system of Presbyterial Oversight as conducive to more diligent and thorough teaching; and, whilst commending those Presbyteries which have already taken earnest action in this matter, enjoin others to take more lively interest and systematic means of oversight within their bounds. Recommend to Sessions the adoption of the suggestions of the Committee towards bringing Sessions into more direct connection with their Sabbath Schools. Approve of the finding of the Committee upon the Overture of the Presbytery of Berwick anent the oversight of the young remitted to them for consideration by last Synod; and again bid all engaged in the endeavour to bring up the young in the nurture and admonition of the Lord be of good courage and persevere, remembering who is their Master, and the great reward laid up for all who turn souls to righteousness.

Overture anent Training of Young.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of London on the Training of the Young.

The Overture was held as read, and was remitted to the Law and Historical Documents Committee, with instructions that they report on it to next meeting of Synod.

The Synod proceeded to receive the Deputations from sister Churches. Deputations.

There were laid on the table two Extract Minutes from the Records of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland—the one showing the spirit of cordial fellowship in which the Deputation from this Synod was received by the Assembly, and conveying the Christian salutations of the Assembly to this Church; and the other bearing that the Assembly have appointed as their Deputation to this Synod, the Rev. John H. Orr, Minister at Antrim, and Clerk of the General Assembly; Rev. George Magill, Minister at Donagheady; and Rev. Thomas Armstrong, Superintendent of the Connaught Schools; with Mr. Joseph Cuthbert, Coleraine, and Mr. Robert Hastings, Londonderry, *Elders*. Irish Presbyterian.

Mr. Orr, Mr. Magill, and Mr. Hastings being present, were introduced, and successively addressed the Synod.

There was laid on the table an Extract Minute from the Records of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, showing the lively interest and Christian sympathy with which the Assembly regard the Home and Foreign Work of this Church. Free Church.

There was also laid on the table an Extract Minute from the Records of the Assembly Arrangements Committee, bearing that that Committee, by authority of the Assembly, had appointed as a Deputation to this Synod, the Rev. Norman L. Walker, Minister at Dysart; and Rev. John Morgan, Minister at St. Peter's Church, Edinburgh; with Professor Simpson, M.D., Edinburgh; and John P. Miller, Esq., Merchant, Glasgow, Ruling Elders.

Mr. Walker, Mr. Morgan, and Mr. Miller being present, were introduced, and addressed the Synod.

A Commission was read from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales in favour of the Rev. William M. White, LL.D., Sydney, and Mr. Alexander Dodds, J.P., as Deputies from that Church to this Synod. New South Wales Church.

Dr. White being present, addressed the Synod.

There was read an Extract Minute from the Records of the Synod of the Church of Scotland in England, bearing that they had appointed the Rev. N. E. B. Gunn, G. C. Watt, B.D., J. M. Crombie, R. Smith, *Ministers;* with Mr. Alderman Boyd, *Ruling Elder*, as a Deputation to this Synod. Church of Scotland.

Mr. Watt was the only Member of the Deputation present, but the

Rev. William White, Minister of the Church of Scotland in Manchester, was gladly received along with him, and both addressed the House.

Finding. The Synod most cordially welcome the Deputations from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Free Church of Scotland, the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, and the Synod of the Church of Scotland in England; receive with the utmost pleasure the salutations of the respected Deputies, express the most earnest wishes, and breathe the most fervent prayers, for the continued and increased blessings of the Church's Head to rest on those Sister Churches, and on the work of God in which they are severally engaged; and warmly and hopefully look forward to the time when ties closer than at present shall bind these Churches together.

The Moderator, in name of the Synod, addressed the Deputations in terms of fraternal kindness.

Adjournment. The Synod adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock; of which public intimation having been given, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

Thursday, 2nd May. *At Manchester, and within Grosvenor Square Church, On Thursday, the 2nd day of May*, 1878, 10 *o'clock* A.M.

Constituted. Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and Prayer.

Minutes sustained. The Minutes of yesterday's Sedurunts were read and sustained.

Sustentation Fund. The Synod called for the Report of the Sustentation Fund Committee, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. MacEwan, one of the Joint-Conveners, who addressed the Synod on the subject.

The Financial Statement was submitted by Mr. W. D. Anderson, Treasurer, who intimated his resignation of the Treasurership.

The Synod receive the report; thank the Committee for their diligence; recognise with gratitude the goodness of God in the

prosperity which has attended the Committee's efforts during the past year, especially as displayed in the cordial unanimity with which the Congregations, formerly United Presbyterian, have joined the Fund.

Recognise the pressing need for increased liberality all over the Church, and of Congregations attaining a higher standard in the degree of aid given, in order to secure the desired minimum dividend, and place this Fund in easy circumstances and in a position of permanent stability.

Refer the question of more adequate retiring allowances to Aged and Infirm Ministers, and the cases of Hartlepool, Smyrna, and Cheviot St. Wooler to the Sustentation Fund, and Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund Committees jointly, with instructions to confer on the subject and report.

The Synod hear with deep regret of the death of Mr. William Muter, of this City, gratefully acknowledge the important services rendered by him to the Presbyterian cause generally through his benefactions during his life, but especially in the important work of Church Extension in Manchester, and now in his liberal bequest in behalf of the Sustentation Fund.

The Synod in accepting the resignation of Mr. W. D. Anderson, the esteemed Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund, tender him thanks for his most valuable services.

Amendments on Sustentation Fund Act.

The Synod proceeded to consider the Recommendations submitted by the Sustentation Fund Committee.

The Synod approve of and adopt the Amendments on the Act proposed by the Committee, and the Amended Act now stands as follows :—

1. That the supplementing of Ministers' stipends and Church Extension be henceforward entrusted to the care of separate Committees.

2. That a Sustentation Fund be formed for the purpose of securing to Ministers in ordinary charges a minimum stipend of at least £200 per annum.

3. That the Synod instruct the Committee to take such steps as may be necessary for securing the formation of an association in each Congregation of the Church for the support of the Sustentation Fund; and to use every constitutional means to bring the practice of all the Congregations, with respect to the support of the Ministry and maintenance and use of the Fund, into as uniform a state as practicable.

4. That, as suggested by the Joint Union Committee, there be, in the first instance, three classes of Congregations recognised, viz.:—

First—Aid-receiving Congregations; that is, Congregations which send the proceeds of the associations and other contributions for stipend to the Sustentation Fund, but which require and receive more from that Fund than they contribute to it, in order to make up the minimum stipend or equal dividend for their Ministers. In this case, the "other contributions" shall include the proceeds of all church-door collections for support of ordinances, together with the seat-rents, after paying the usual congregational expenses, exclusive of the Minister's stipend. Further, that it be not lawful for any such aid-receiving Congregation to pay to their Minister a supplement, until their contributions to the Sustentation Fund equal the amount they receive from it.

Second—All aid-giving Congregations, and such as are merely self-sustaining, which send the proceeds of associations, and otherwise contribute to the Fund, and receive from it the minimum stipend or equal dividend for their Ministers, to whom they may, of course, give such supplement as they please out of their other congregational funds.

Third—Congregations which send the proceeds of associations or contributions to the Sustentation Fund and receive no dividend from it, but pay the full stipend to their Ministers out of other congregational funds: said payments to be duly reported to the Committee, and the Congregations to be *credited* and *debited* in the Committee's books accordingly.

5. That every Congregation of the Church be placed on the equal dividend platform, when the sum it proposes to contribute to the Sustentation Fund has been approved by the Presbytery of the bounds and the Committee. Further, that a re-arrangement be made with each vacant Congregation on the Fund previous to the settlement of a Minister.

6. That aid-receiving Congregations which obtain grants from the Lady Hewley Trust, or other sources, which cannot be paid into the Sustentation Fund, shall, after correct returns have been made to the Committee, receive the equal dividend, minus the amount of such funds, in so far as they go toward the Minister's stipend; the object of the Sustentation Fund being not to supersede such special sources of revenue, but to raise the total income of Ministers to a given minimum stipend.

7. That in the event of any aid-receiving Congregation on the

equal dividend platform failing to fulfil its engagement towards the Fund, the Committee shall deal with that Congregation directly, and through the Presbytery, and, if necessary, bring the case before the Synod, which shall, if it see cause, remove the Congregation from the equal dividend platform, and place it amongst probationary charges, under the eleventh regulation.

8. That the surplus beyond the minimum stipend aimed at be distributed in such a way as to stimulate Congregations to an increase of contributions to the Sustentation Fund.

9. That in the case of collegiate charges on the equal dividend platform, one dividend only be paid to each.

10. That donations and legacies be solicited for the Fund.

11. That all aid-receiving Congregations, not on the equal dividend platform, be dealt with by the Sustentation Fund Committee so as most effectually to develop their respective resources, by means of a direct grant on a given basis to make up a certain amount, and an additional grant of one-half more on any increase of their contributions until the amount of the equal dividend is reached; but that all contributions toward stipend be sent to the Sustentation Fund, as in the case of other aid-receiving Congregations.

12. That all Church Extension charges, which require extraordinary aid for a time, be entrusted to the care of the Home Mission Committee, until the period for such aid expire; that they be then dealt with by the Sustentation Fund Committee according to the foregoing regulations.

Note.—When the word "Association" occurs in the Sustentation Fund Act, or in relative regulations, that term is to be interpreted as denoting any form of special organisation for this Fund.

The Synod further approve of and adopt the following Regulations for the working of the Fund, namely:— Regulations.

1. That the minimum contributions from all sources which aid-giving Congregations be expected and encouraged to send to the Sustentation Fund, shall be adjusted by negotiation between the Committee and each Congregation, subject to the sanction of the Presbytery, on a common basis applicable to the whole Church.

2. That so long as the proceeds of Sustentation Fund Associations fall short of the sum so fixed, Deacons' Courts be urged to make a payment to the Fund out of their ordinary revenue.

3. That said payment do not exceed in any case the amount of the equal dividend, but shall be the subject on the other hand to all reasonable deductions, as for example, where local revenue has fallen off since the Sustentation Fund has been started, or where exceptionally heavy charges of any kind fall upon local funds.

4. That in seeking to bring aid-giving Congregations into harmony with those arrangements, the Committee shall deal in detail with the circumstances of each case, and shall make its appeal only to the generosity and sense of duty to the whole Church which ought to characterise all our people.

5. That all Congregations in the first class be required to furnish the Committee with an annual statement of their accounts, duly certified by the Presbytery of the bounds, as a guarantee that the requirements of the Sustentation Fund Act in regard to such Congregations are being duly carried out.

6. That the Second General Regulation be supplemented by a clause to the effect that no Congregation whatever, begun hereafter, shall be placed upon the Fund on a basis that shall enable it to receive more than double the amount it sends to the Fund.

7. That in the event of Congregations becoming vacant whose contributions have not yet become sufficient to enable them to be placed upon the equal dividend platform, no new settlement shall take place without the due consideration by the Presbytery of the bounds, of the necessity for retaining such Congregations in the position of separate and regular charges, nor, in the event of their judging this to be necessary, without the concurrence of the Sustentation Fund Committee in that judgment, the right of appeal being of course reserved.

8. That the Synod determine each year the number of charges to be raised to the platform of the equal dividend in the course of the ensuing twelve months, so as to obviate the risk of the funds being subjected to an undue pressure in any one year, and the consequent sudden depression of the equal dividend.

9. That each Congregation make a return to the Committee of the amount raised by the Sustentation Fund Association distinct from the contribution from ordinary revenue.

10. That authority be given to the Committee to consolidate the original Sustentation Fund Act together with the principal regulations, that shall have been adopted by the Synod, in one complete scheme for the guidance of Congregations; and that the terms of such scheme shall,

if possible, be so arranged that Congregations shall in future be distinguished, when that may be needful, as aid-receiving on the one hand and aid-giving on the other, and not as ranking respectively under the first, second, and third classes, as at present.

The Synod remit to the Committee for further consideration another recommendation made by them, namely :—That to avoid complication, Congregations in the second class and giving supplements be recommended, in the case of new settlements, to make their arrangements, so that the total stipend shall be understood to consist of the equal dividend plus the supplement allowed, the fixed sum being thus the amount of supplement rather than the total stipend.

Next Meeting of Synod.

The Synod resolved that the next meeting of Synod be held in Regent Square Church, London, on Monday, the twenty-first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine years, at six o'clock p.m., the Presbytery of London to make the necessary arrangements.

Conference.

The Synod resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to confer in regard to the choice of a Moderator for next Meeting of Synod.

Synod resumes.

After conference the Synod resumed in open Court.

It was moved and seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the Rev. William Graham, of Liverpool, be chosen to occupy the chair at next Meeting. And Mr. Graham, being present, intimated his cordial acceptance of the office.

College.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the College, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener, who addressed the House in regard to it.

Mr. Charles E. Lewis, Treasurer, submitted the Financial Statement.

The Synod receive the Report, and record their gratitude to the Divine Head of the Church for the prospect which it affords of a more adequate supply of qualified candidates for the Ministry ;

The Synod expressed their satisfaction with the arrangements made for the conduct of the Barbour Chair during the past Session ;—

Further, they view with the deepest interest and hope the prospect held out that a Proprietary Grammar School may ere long be established by friends of this Church, to be conducted on the lines

indicated in the Report, because they believe that such an Institution would materially advance the best interests of Presbyteriansm in England, and would deserve the warm approval and support of the Church at large.

With respect to the inter-sessional Examinations of Students by their respective Presbyteries, the Synod adopt the suggestion of the Committee;

That Presbyteries be recommended to confine their examination on such subjects as are treated in the College Course, to general questions on the work of the College Classes during the preceding Session; and beyond this to give special attention to such matters as Bible knowledge, Standards of the Church, and personal religion; and, further, that each Student should during his College Course deliver at least two popular discourses in the presence of the Presbytery.

With a view to the fuller recognition by the Church of such Students in Arts as contemplate entering the Hall on the completion of their undergraduate curriculum, the Synod instruct the College Committee to take steps to invite all such Students to place themselves under the care of the Presbytery within whose bounds they reside, and also to report their names and addresses to the Secretary of the College Committee; and further resolve that no student who does not comply with this invitation be eligible to hold any Undergraduate Scholarship or Bursary in connection with the Presbyterian Church of England.

The Synod authorise the Committee to prepare and issue such a Handbook of information for the use of intending Students as is recommended in the Report; and finally commend the interests of the College anew to the liberal support and earnest prayers of every Congregation throughout the Church.

College Trustees. The Report of the College Trustees was submitted by Mr. John Johnstone, and accepted by the House.

Scholarships. Mr. Thomas Hall laid on the table the Trust Deed of the Scholarship given to the Synod by the Rev. Dr. McKerrow, and called the "McKerrow Scholarship."

The Report on Scholarships generally was given in by Mr. Hugh M. Matheson, Treasurer.

The Synod receive the Report and Accounts of Scholarships presented by the Treasurer, and resolve—To place on record its best

thanks to the Rev. Dr. McKerrow for his munificence in conferring upon the College the Undergraduate Scholarship which has been announced, and resolve that it shall be known as the *McKerrow Scholarship;* further, express the pleasure with which they have heard of the Theological Scholarship which has been raised in memory of the late Rev. Dr. Munro, and record their cordial thanks to the generous donors to this Fund.

Barbour Professorship.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to class Returns to Remits of Synod, so far as they refer to the Barbour Professorship. The Report was submitted by the Rev. Robert Taylor, Convener, and accepted by the House.

First Motion.

It was moved and seconded—Whereas the last Synod passed the following Resolution:—"The Synod are of opinion that the Rev. Dr. Dykes is eminently qualified to fill a Chair of Theology; but having regard to the undesirableness of removing Dr. Dykes at present from the Pulpit and the Pastorate, in view of the general good of the Church, and being persuaded that it would not be expedient to lay on Dr. Dykes even partial labour in the College, together with the duties of his present position, resolve to defer the selection of a Professor till next Synod, and meanwhile remit to Presbyteries to send up names (other than that of Dr. Dykes) of those whom they regard as eligible for the Chair":

And whereas the Presbyteries of the Church, having during the year carefully considered the subject, have almost unanimously sent up no other name than that of Dr. Dykes:

And whereas it is of supreme importance, especially in the present circumstances of our Church, to appoint men of the highest qualifications to Chairs in our College:

And whereas the difficulty of finding any man who combines in equal measure the gifts and acquirements for such an office has been so great: The Synod do now appoint Dr. Dykes Professor of Apologetics and Pastoral Theology.

Memorial.

There was laid on the table a Memorial from the Elders, Deacons, Members, and Adherents of the Presbyterian Church, Regent Square, praying that the Rev. Dr. Dykes may not be transferred from the Pastorate of that Church to a Chair in the College.

Second Motion.

It was moved and seconded—as a second Motion—Whereas the Synod, at their meeting in 1877, declared that in their opinion it was

undesirable to remove Dr. Dykes at present from the Pulpit and from the Pastorate, and whereas nothing has occurred to alter their opinion; And whereas further circumstances have interfered with the sending up of names of persons judged suitable to occupy the Chair:—The Synod resolve to keep the Chair in commission for another year, and meanwhile remit to Presbyteries to send up names of those whom they regard as eligible for the Chair, the name of Dr. Dykes being withdrawn.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod deferred the further consideration of the question till the Evening Sederunt.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned to meet again this evening at Six o'clock; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

Thursday, May 2nd.

At Manchester, and within Grosvenor Square Church,
On Thursday, the 2nd day of May, 1878, 6 *o'clock* P.M.

Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

The Committee on Business gave in, through Mr. Ballantyne, Clerk, a supplementary Report, which the Synod adopted.

Eastern Question.

The attention of the Synod being called to the present serious national juncture, the Synod resolve to place on record the sorrow with which they regard the critical state of matters in connection with the Eastern Question. They view with apprehension the rising in some parts of the country of a war spirit, and desire to offer a strong and earnest caution on this danger, both as manifesting an unreasoning passion, and as affecting unfavourably the spiritual life of Christians.

They solemnly urge upon the Ministers and Members of the Church to wait upon God, both in public prayer and in their private devotions, to ask that He would be pleased so to guide the minds of Statesmen as to maintain concord in the Councils of Europe, and thus avert the great calamity of war.

At the same time the Synod venture to declare their deep conviction that it is the bounden duty of the Government of this country to use its influence to secure, by pacific means, the blessing of better Government in the Provinces of Eastern Europe.

The Synod resumed consideration of the appointment to the Barbour Chair. Barbour Chair.

It was moved and seconded, as a third Motion—That Dr. Dykes be appointed Professor of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology, and that the Chair of Apologetics be kept meantime in Commission, the duties of it being divided among Ministers of the Church to be selected by the College Committee. Third Motion.

After reasoning, the Synod resolved to proceed to the vote. The first question was, whether the second or third Motion shall be put as an Amendment to the first. The vote was taken by a show of hands. Votes were counted, and it was found that the second was carried by a majority. The second question was, whether the Motion thus carried, or the first Motion, shall be the decision of the House. The Roll was called, and votes marked, when it appeared that 145 voted for the first, and 181 for the second, so that the second was carried by a majority of 36. Wherefore the Synod did, and hereby do, resolve in terms of the second Motion. Finding.

There was laid on the table a Memorial from the Congregation of Aberdare, transmitted by the Committee on Bills, with reference to the present pecuniary difficulties of that Congregation. Aberdare.

The Synod receive the Memorial, and refer it to the following Committee:—Revs. Dr. Dykes, Dr. Fraser, R. H. Lundie, P. Rutherford; with Messrs. George Duncan, Matthew Dunlop, John Gunn, Charles E. Lewis, and Samuel Stitt; Mr. Stitt, Convener:—with instructions that they consider it, and report to-morrow.

The Synod proceeded as already resolved on, to the election of a General Secretary. General Secretary.

The Synod resolved that the appointment of General Secretary be held during the good pleasure of the Synod.

It was moved and seconded—That the speaking in regard to the several Candidates to be proposed be confined to the Movers and Seconders of the respective Motions.

It was moved and seconded as an Amendment—That the speaking be not so confined.

The Synod proceeded to the vote—when the Motion was carried by a majority; from which decision the Rev. Robert Taylor, in his own name, and in the name of those who may adhere to him, entered his dissent, for reasons to be given in in due time.

It was moved and seconded—That the Rev. John Black, of Sunderland, be appointed to the office of General Secretary to the Church.

It was moved and seconded—That the Rev. James Muir, of Egremont, be so appointed.

It was further moved and seconded—That as the office of General Secretary includes the work of the Sustentation Fund, the Secretary of that Fund—the Rev. John M. Ross—be appointed General Secretary.

The Synod resolved to proceed to the vote, and to take the same by ballot, resolving that in the first instance the three names should be put together, and that the one with the smallest number of votes be dropped. On votes being counted, it was found that the numbers were as follow:—For Mr. Ross, 85; for Mr. Black, 63; and Mr. Muir, 49. Mr. Muir's name therefore fell out; and the second vote showed—For Mr. Black, 105; and for Mr. Ross, 92. Wherefore the Synod did, and hereby do, declare the Rev. John Black elected to the office of General Secretary.

From this finding Mr. William Carruthers dissented, in his own name, and in the name of those who may adhere to him, for reasons to be given in in due time.

Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund, which was given in by the Rev. Thomas Macpherson, Convener, who addressed the Synod on the subject.

The Financial Statement was submitted by Mr. George Duncan, Treasurer.

The Synod receive the Report; hear with pleasure that the invested capital has been raised to nearly £5500; instruct the Committee to take what steps may be in their power, from time to time, to raise the Capital Fund to at least £10,000; and resolve that at a convenient time, on a Sabbath in the present year, an opportunity be given to the people in all the Congregations of the Church to contribute to this Fund by means of a special collection.

Christian Giving.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Christian Giving, which was given in by Dr. Mackay, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, but regret that the state of the business does not admit of the Conference asked for. They realise the urgent importance of disseminating sound Scriptural views on the subject of Christian Giving, and therefore again appoint a Committee with instructions to use such means as they deem prudent in order to effect this object.

Records.

The Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod, of Presbyteries, and of Standing Committees, was called for, and submitted by Dr. Drummond, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and order that the various Records be attested in terms thereof.

Further, the Synod resolve that Duplicates be examined and attested by the Synod when the Books are completed, and that the rate of payment to Presbytery Clerks for copying be determined by the Finance Committee.

Committee on Temperance.

The Synod proceeded to consider the propriety of appointing a Standing Committee on Temperance, and it was resolved that during the ensuing year the question of Temperance be, as hitherto, left in the hands of the Home Mission Committee.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock; whereof public intimation having been made, theSederunt was closed with prayer.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

Friday, 3rd May.

At Manchester, and within Grosvenor Square Church,
On Friday, the 3rd day of May, 1878, 10 *o'clock* A.M.

Constituted.

Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Minutes sustained.

The Minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were read and sustained.

Rev. John Black. The Moderator intimated to the Rev. John Black that the Synod had elected him to the office of General Secretary of the Church. Mr. Black signified his acceptance of the office. And the Synod hereby instruct the Presbytery of Newcastle to loose him from his Charge at Sunderland with all convenient speed, and take the necessary steps towards the filling up of the vacancy.

Rev J. M. Ross. The Synod appointed a Committee to consider and report as to the amount of allowance to be given to the Rev. J. M. Ross, on account of the absorption of his office of Secretary to the Sustentation Fund in the new office of General Secretary, and of his past services in the first-mentioned office, the Committee to be the Revs. Dr. Fraser, Dr. MacEwan, Messrs. W. D. Anderson, G. B. Bruce, H. M. Matheson, W. A. Boulnois, and J. C. Stevenson; Mr. Stevenson, Convener.

Barbour Chair. The Synod made the following addition to its deliverance passed last evening in the matter of the Barbour Professorship:—The Synod instruct the College Committee to make *interim* arrangements for the carrying out of the work of the Barbour Chair.

Principalship. The Synod hereby appoint the Rev. Dr. Lorimer Principal of the College, and instruct the College Committee to fix the amount of the yearly *honorarium* to be attached to the Principalship.

Senatus. The Synod further resolve that the Principal and Professors be empowered to act according to the Fourth Article of the Constitution, and form a Senatus, and be instructed to meet for that purpose on the 31st May next, and that the College Committee be instructed to consider and report to next Synod on the Fifth Article of the Constitution and its relation to the Fourth Article.

Statistics. The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Statistics, which was given in by Dr. Levi, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, thank the Committee for their diligence, request the General Secretary to assist the Statistical Committee in collecting the Statistics and Schedules, and in preparing the Statistical Tables, and express the willingness of the Synod to render to the General Presbyterian Council any aid in their power in collecting the Statistics of all Presbyterian Churches.

Law and Historical Documents.

The Report of the Committee on Law and Historical Documents was called for, and was submitted by Dr. Leone Levi, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, thank the Committee for their diligence, especially the Sub-committee, for the preparation of a further section of the Practice of the Presbyterian Church of England.

Instruct them to re-consider the duties of Presbyteries relating to discipline, in order to see whether it would not be possible to remove the anomaly of constituting the Presbytery both prosecutors and judges in matters of libel, by limiting their duties to the framing of the libel, and the taking of proof, leaving the trial and judgment in the hands of the Superior Court; and for that purpose remit the further portion of the Practice back to the Committee that they may revise the same and send it to Presbyteries with instructions to report to the Convener on or before the 1st February next.

Remit to the Committee the Returns of Presbyteries on the Practice regarding Congregations and Sessions, and instruct them to consider carefully the recommendations and emendations of Presbyteries, and send to Presbyteries an amended Draft of the same for their consideration.

The Synod thank the Law and Historical Documents Committee and the Church Building Committee for their diligence in obtaining a Draft of a new Model Trust Deed prepared by and settled by counsel, and remit the same to Presbyteries for their consideration, with instructions especially to consider the Proviso in Clause 3 regarding the Doctrine and Discipline to be taught and observed, and Clauses 17 and 18 regarding the contingency of divisions in the Congregations or Synod, with instructions to report on the same to the Convener on or before the 31st December next.

Authorise the Committee to acknowledge with thanks the communication of the Presbyterian Historical Society of Pennsylvania, informing them that the Synod will cordially comply with their wishes for copies of any Historical Documents which may be issued by this Church; instruct the Committee to send to said Society Copy of the Digest of the Actings and Proceedings of the Presbyterian Church in England from 1836 to 1876 and of the Minutes of the Synod, and to express the desire of Synod to be favoured with any document on their part calculated to throw light on the past and modern history of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Thanksgiving Fund.

The Synod called for the Report of the Thanksgiving Fund

Committee, which was given in by Mr. Thomas Matheson, one of the Joint Conveners.

The Synod receive the Report and Statement of Accounts, thank the Committee for their diligence, record with thankfulness the progress of the Fund, now amounting to one-half the sum originally contemplated to be raised; but inasmuch as many Congregations have hitherto contributed nothing, resolve that means be used to keep the matter before them with a view to their doing so, and where possible recommend that collections be made.

Recognise with thankfulness the good accomplished through grants from this Fund for the relief of Churches involved in debt, and the liberality evoked by the stimulus of these grants.

And approve the recommendation of the Committee that the amount for distribution this year be appropriated to the department of Debt Extinction.

Rev. J. M. Ross.

The Report of the Committee appointed to consider the allowance to be made to the late Secretary of the Sustentation Fund was called for, and was submitted by Mr. James C. Stevenson, Convener, to the effect that one year's salary be granted to Mr. Ross. The Committee further indicated that an equal amount had been subscribed by friends of the Church, and was to be added thereto.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report.

The Synod, taking into consideration the valued services of Mr. Ross in connection with the Sustentation Fund, appoint a Committee to draw up a Minute expressive of their sentiments regarding him, to be entered on the Records of the Synod: the Committee to be Revs. Drs. Fraser and MacEwan, Robert Taylor, with Mr. George B. Bruce, Elder; Dr. MacEwan, Convener.

Reasons of Dissent.

There were laid on the table and read Reasons of Dissent from the finding of Synod limiting the discussion on the election of a General Secretary to the movers and seconders of the respective Motions.

The Reasons were signed by Robert Taylor, William A. McAllan, Archd. N. Mackray, J. B. Dougherty, W. Carruthers, John Gordon, David Fotheringham, George Johnstone, John Brown, James Fettes, Alexander M. Murray, James Douglas.

The Synod resolve to hold the Reasons *in retentis.*

There were laid on the table and read Reasons of Dissent from the

finding of the Synod in relation to the filling up of the office of General Secretary.

The Reasons were signed by William Carruthers, James S. Ness, Robert Taylor, William A. McAllan, Gavin Carlyle, Archibald N. Mackray, John Gordon, David Fotheringham, Samuel T. Dickenson, J. Thain Davidson, John Brown, James Fettes, James Douglas, James Ferguson, and David Henderson.

The Synod resolve to hold the Reasons *in retentis*.

General Secretary.

The Synod resolve that the salary attached to the office of General Secretary be £400 a-year, and that the General Purposes Committee be authorised to make the necessary arrangements connected with the General Secretary's office.

Leeds Case.

The Synod took up the case of a Dissent and Complaint by the Rev. John Clelland against a judgment of the Manchester Presbytery in regard to the selection of a site for the Hanover Square Church, in Leeds.

Parties were called, when there appeared the Rev. John Clelland for himself, and Dr. McKerrow and Dr. Russell for the Presbytery of Manchester.

The Papers in the case were read, and parties placed at the Bar.

Parties were heard.

Parties were removed.

It was moved and seconded—That the Dissent and Complaint be dismissed, and that the Judgment of the Presbytery be affirmed.

It was also moved and seconded as an Amendment—Sustain the Dissent and Complaint; and, with a view of bringing parties to a good understanding with reference to the selection of a site, appoint a Commission of Synod to visit Leeds, with power to bring this matter to a final settlement.

The Synod resolved to go to the vote. Votes were counted, and it was found that the Amendment was carried by a majority of 2—37 voting for the Amendment, and 35 for the Motion. Wherefore the Synod did and hereby do resolve in terms of the Amendment.

Parties were called, and the Judgment of the Synod was intimated to them.

Mr Muter's Estate.

It having been reported to the Synod that the late Mr William

Muter has bequeathed a large proportion of his property to the Sustentation Fund of this Church, the Synod resolve that the Executors and Trustees of the Will of Mr. Muter are by this Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England authorised, in the event of the settlement and division of the estate of the deceased prior to the next meeting of Synod, to pay and transfer to Mr. James Watson, the present Treasurer of the Synod, the share of the Estate of the deceased, to be held by him for the purpose named in the bequest until a proper Deed of Trust shall be executed.

Minute anent Mr. Ross.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to prepare a Minute expressive of the Synod's regard for the Rev. John M. Ross. The Report was given in by Dr. MacEwan, Convener, who laid on the table a draft of said Minute.

The Synod receive the Report, approve of said draft, and order it to be entered on the Record as follows :—

The Synod, in losing the services of the Rev. J. M. Ross, whose office of Secretary to the Sustentation Fund has merged in that of General Secretary, desire to put on record their sense of the faithful, laborious, and valuable services which he has in various ways rendered to the Church. More especially in regard to the Sustentation Fund, which was originally established largely through his energetic efforts, the Synod express their appreciation of the ability, singleness of purpose, and unsparing self-devotion by which he has carried forward the Fund from year to year to its present position of success. Further, the Synod trust that a minister so widely known and so highly esteemed may soon find a congenial sphere of labour within the bounds of this Church.

Aberdare.

The Report of the Committee appointed to consider the Memorial from the Congregation of Aberdare was called for, and was submitted by Mr. Samuel Stitt, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof authorise the Church Building Committee to pay the grant of £750, suspending Rule 7 in the present instance, request the Thanksgiving Fund Committee to make a special Contribution of £250 towards the Aberdare Building Fund, recommend that efforts be made by the Presbytery of Bristol to raise a sum of £500 for the same purpose, and that the Presbytery appoint a Business Committee to act with the Managers of Aberdare Congregation in this matter, and report to next Meeting of Synod.

The Synod called for the Report on the Synod Fund, which was given in by Mr. James Watson. Synod Fund.

The Synod receive the Report, approve the Accounts, and, having regard to the increased claims upon the Fund, increase the Assessment for the current year on the Presbyteries on the following scale, viz.:—

Berwick	£52
Northumberland	59
Newcastle	191
Carlisle	32
Darlington	64
Liverpool	204
Manchester	141
Birmingham	42
Bristol	32
London	383

With 10 per cent. added.

The Synod called for the Report of the General Purposes Committee, which was given in by Mr. James Watson, Convener. General Purposes.

The Synod receive the Report; and in terms thereof, appoint the following Collections to be made in the several Congregations, namely:—

Foreign Missions	on the Third Sabbath of	May,	1878.
Continental Work	„	July,	„
Schools	„	Sept.	„
College	„	Nov.	„
Jewish Mission	„	Jan.	1879.
Home Mission	„	March,	„

The Synod adjourned to meet again this evening at Six o'clock; whereof public intimation having been given, the Sederunt was closed with prayer. Adjournment.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

Friday, 3rd May.

At Manchester, and within Grosvenor Square Church, On Friday, the 3rd day of May, 1878, 6 *o'clock* P.M.

Constituted.

Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with devotional exercises.

Presbyterian Soldiers.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Oversight of Presbyterian Soldiers, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Wright, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, request the Committee to continue its investigations in regard to the provision made for the religious instruction of our Soldiers, Sailors, and Officials in Government Institutions, and instruct the Presbyteries to take into consideration those parts of the Report which refer to Garrisons, Dockyards, &c., within their several bounds; also recommend the Ministers of this Church, who are Acting Presbyterian Chaplains, to make regular application to the War Office to have their position formally acknowledged.

Continental Work.

The Report of the Committee on Continental Work was called for, and was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Wright, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and approve generally of the action of the Committee. The Court regret to find that so few Congregations have made the collection, and are fully convinced that if the state of affairs were clearly set before our people they would cheerfully contribute to the support and extension of the Evangelistic work on the Continent of Europe.

Church Building.

The Synod called for the Report of the Church Building and Debt Extinction Committee, which was given in by the Rev. Robert H. Lundie, Convener.

The Financial Statement was submitted by Mr. John Johnstone, in the absence of Mr. George Duncan, Treasurer.

The Synod receive the Report, and express their unabated interest in the work of Church Building.

For the reasons stated in the Report they renew their recommendations to the Thanksgiving Fund Committee to supply, so far as their resources will allow, to this Committee, the means required for the efficient carrying out of the scheme which they are prosecuting.

Overture.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of London in regard to the formation of Congregational Associations.

The Overture was laid on the table. It was found, however, that there was no member of the Presbytery prepared to support it.

The Synod, therefore, pass from the consideration of the Overture.

Distribution of Probationers.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Distribution of Probationers, which was given in by the Rev. James Muir, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report; take the opportunity of urging the Ministers of the Church, and those having the care of vacant and Church Extension Charges, to employ as largely as possible the services of the Licentiates of the Church, and remit the whole subject to the Committee —with instructions specially to devise a scheme whereby Licentiates may receive more stated employment, consistently with the liberty of Churches to make arrangements of their own.

The Synod meanwhile instruct the Clerks of Presbyteries to report to the Convener of the Distribution Committee from time to time the vacancies which occur within their bounds, and the names of the Licentiates, and to publish a list of these vacancies along with the list of the names of the Probationers in the *Messenger*.

Young Men's Societies.

There was laid on the table a Memorial from the Young Men's Societies' Union of Manchester, praying for the Synod's influence in securing that young men coming from Presbyterian Congregations all over the country to the various cities and towns of England be introduced to the Ministers of such cities and towns.

The Memorial was supported by Mr. John A. Beith, Chairman of the Manchester Union.

The Synod receive the Memorial, and recommend to all Ministers and Sessions of the Church to give letters of introduction to young men proceeding from their Congregations to London, Manchester, Liverpool, and Birmingham to the Secretary of the Young Men's Societies' Union in these towns, as an effective means of keeping the youth of our Church connected with it, and remit the Memorial to the Committee appointed

by this Synod in response to an Overture from the London Presbytery on the subject of lapsed Presbyterians from Ireland and Scotland.

Presbyterian Council.

The Synod called for the Report of the Deputies to the General Presbyterian Council, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, one of the Deputies.

The Synod receive the Report, and record their thanks to the Deputies, and their satisfaction with the mode in which they have implemented their Commission.

Intercourse with other Churches.

The Report of the Committee on Intercourse with Sister Churches was called for, and was laid on the table by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report and approve generally of it: in particular the Synod instruct the Committee to communicate with the Corresponding Committees of Sister Churches with which it has been customary to exchange visits by Deputies, on the proposal which has been made in the Report that for the future such Deputations from this Church should be less numerous and less frequently appointed.

Corresponding Members.

The Synod proceeded to appoint Corresponding Members to the United Presbyterian Synod as follow:—The Rev. the Moderator, Revs. Dr. Anderson, Dr. Drummond, Dr. Fraser, Dr. Edmond, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Mackay, Geo. Johnstone, Wm. Porteous, James Muir, John Reid, Senr., Geo. Bell, John Black, *Ministers;* Messrs. Walter Graham, Robert Hedley, Samuel Stitt, R. T. Turnbull, Thos. Hall, and John A. Beith, *Elders.*

Delegates to Council.

The above brethren, along with those whose names follow, to constitute the delegates to the Council of the Federated Churches:—Revs. Dr. Dykes, Peter Rutherford, J. H. Boyd, M.A., B.D.; R. H. Lundie, Robert Black, M.A.; Dr. MacLeod, *Ministers;* Messrs. Thos. Carter, Matthew Dunlop, John Fowler, Samuel Smith, Thomas Moffat, H. M. Matheson, G. B. Bruce, F. J. Horniman, Dr. J. C. Bruce, and George S. Thompson, *Elders;* the Moderator, *Convener.*

Deputations.

The Synod appoint the following Deputations to Sister Churches:—

To the *Synod of the Church of Scotland in England*—Principal Lorimer, and Mr. Gainsford Bruce, *Elder.*

To the *Free Church of Scotland*—The Revs. the Moderator and Dr. MacEwan, *Ministers;* and Mr. James S. Ness, *Elder.*

To the *Irish Presbyterian Church*—The Revs. Dr. MacLeod and W. Dinwiddie, *Ministers;* and Mr. James Stuart, *Elder.*

To the *Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church*—The Revs. Dr. Wright and James Muir, *Ministers;* and Mr. S. Stitt, *Elder.*

To the *Evangelical Church of Belgium and the Waldensian Church*—The Synod empower the Clerk to furnish Commissions to one or two brethren to visit the Evangelical Church of Belgium and the Waldensian Church, the names of the brethren to be furnished by the Committee on Intercourse with other Churches.

Overture on Church Extension.

The Synod took up an Overture on Church Extension from the Presbytery of Newcastle.

The Overture was held as read, and was remitted to the Home Mission Committee for its consideration.

Disestablishment.

The Synod took up an Overture on Disestablishment from the Presbytery of Newcastle.

The Overture was read, and was supported by the Rev. James Milligan.

After consideration it was agreed that the Overture be withdrawn.

Sanctioning of Charges.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Sanctioning of Charges, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Simpson, *Convener.*

The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof empower the Presbytery of London to erect the Stations at Eastbourne and Withyham to the status of Sanctioned Charges so soon as they may deem it expedient so to do.

The Synod decline in terms of the Committee's Report to empower the Presbytery of Berwick to erect the Station at Holy Island to the status of a Charge.

Sale Case.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Protest and Appeal in the case of Sale, which was given in by Mr. C. E. Lewis, *Convener.*

After giving a detailed history of proceedings in the case, the Report concludes as follows:—As to the first finding of the Presbytery, the Committee are of opinion that the Presbytery found and adjudged rightly.

As to the second finding of the Presbytery, the Committee are clearly of opinion that all the money raised by the Bazaar should properly be devoted to the building of a Manse, and that the site of such Manse should, if possible, be that adjoining the Church; and the Committee believe that, though differently expressed, this is substantially the finding of the Presbytery.

With regard to the third finding of the Presbytery, acquitting both parties of any evil motives in the case, the Committee see no reason to differ from the judgment of the Presbytery, which in this matter it is hard to suppose is meant to be the subject of Appeal.

Upon the whole case the Committee advise and recommend the Synod to dismiss the Appeal, and affirm the decision of the Presbytery.

At the same time the Committee feel it to be their duty to urge most earnestly all the parties concerned to meet each other with a view to a settlement of the dispute in a Christian spirit.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report.

Parties were recalled, when there appeared Mr. A. G. McBeath in name of the Appellants, and the Revs. W. McCaw and W. Rigby Murray in name of the Presbytery of Manchester.

The decision of Synod was intimated to the parties.

Reception of Ministers.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Reception of Ministers from other Churches, which was given in by the Rev. James Muir, *Convener*.

The Synod receive the Report, and in terms thereof empower the Presbytery of Newcastle to receive the Rev. Enoch Franks, transferred from the Presbytery of Birmingham; and the Presbytery of Darlington to receive the Rev. J. Sidebottom.

They decline the application of the Rev. Robert Smith.

Selection Committee.

The Synod called for the Report of the Selection Committee, which was given in by the Rev. James Muir, *Convener*.

The Synod receive the Report, and appoint the several Committees recommended therein as follow:—[*See Appendix*].

Sunday Closing.

The Drafts of Petitions to Parliament in favour of the Sunday Closing Bills for England and Ireland were laid on the table. The Synod approve of said Drafts, order them to be duly extended, signed by he Moderator and Clerk, and transmitted; that in regard to the English

Bill, to Mr. J. C. Stevenson, M.P. for South Shields; and that in regard to Ireland, to Mr. C. E. Lewis, M.P. for Londonderry, both of them members of this House, to be presented to the House of Commons.

Thanks. The Synod record their thanks to the Minister and other Office-bearers of Grosvenor Square Church for the use of their Church and other premises; to the Committee of Arrangements for the admirable arrangements they have made for the convenience and comfort of the Synod; to the Christian families in Manchester and neighbourhood for the hospitality they have extended to the Members of Synod during the sittings thereof; and to the members of the Manchester Press, who have so carefully reported their proceedings.

Minutes sustained. The Minutes of this day's Sederunts were read and sustained, and ordered to be attested, with the other Records, by the Moderator and Clerk.

Close. The Synod having now, in the good providence of God, brought its business to a close, was addressed by the Moderator, who declared this Synod closed, and indicted the next Synod to be held, as already resolved on, within Regent Square Church, London, on Monday, the 21st day of April, 1879, at Six o'clock p.m.

The proceedings were terminated with praise and prayer.

Signed, in name and by the authority of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England,

WILLIAM CHALMERS, D.D., *Moderator.*
WILLIAM McCAW, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

COMMITTEES.

1.—HOME MISSION.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. R. Black	Rev. James Muir	Mr. Cumming Andrews	Mr. R. McEwen
W. McCaw	J. J. Muir	R. Barbour	H. L. McInnes
J. Gordon	A. B. Muir	T. Matheson	J. Robb
D. Henderson	W. Rigby Murray	J. McDiarmid	S. Stitt
H. T. Howat	J. Reid	G. H. Brown	R. Sumner
G. Johnstone	J. Sclater	J. R. Montgomery	Alex. Brown
G. Lewis	A. M. Symington	R. Lockhart	W. P. Sinclair
R. H. Lundie	Jas. Towers		Thomas Moffatt
J. T. McGaw			
T. McPherson			
C. Moinet			

With Representatives from Presbyteries, namely :—

MINISTERS: Revs. John Laing, P. Robert Crole, J. W. Rodger, James S. Rae, R. H. Davidson, James Mackenzie, James Aitken, A. Davidson, Thomas Dods, Charles Fricker, Dr. Wright, J. M. Ross, Dr. White, Dr. Morison. ELDERS: Messrs. G. B. Bruce and George Bell.

CONVENERS: Revs. W. McCaw and W. R. Murray. TREASURER, *pro tem.*: Mr. S. Stitt. TREASURER OF SCOTTISH SUBSIDY: Mr. S. Stitt.

2.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. W. Ballantyne	Rev. David Mac Ewan, D.D.	Mr. John M. Douglas	Mr. Donald Matheson
A. W. Carmichael	John Matheson	Alex. Clark	H. M. Matheson
W. Dinwiddie	Theodore J. Meyer	Andrew Don	Jas. E. Mathieson
R. S. Drummond, D.D.	W. Morison, D.D.	W. D. Anderson	Robert Morton
J. Oswald Dykes, D.D.	Alex. J. Murray	John Bell	General Rollo
George Elder	Alex. Skene	Rev. D. Blelloch	Mr. Lewis Stewart
J. M. Erskine	Robert Taylor	Mr. W. A. Boulnois	Dr. A. P. Stewart
Donald Fraser, D.D.	Charles J. Whitmore	Wm. Carruthers	Mr. Wm. Tulloch
Peter Lorimer, D.D.	Alex. Murray	Archd. Hewan, M.D.	R. T. Turnbull
Dugald MacColl	William Dale	John Johnstone	Thomas Bell
		C. Kynoch	James Watson
		John Limont	Jasper Young
		Alex. J. Malcolm	Robert Niven

With Representatives from Presbyteries, namely :—

MINISTERS: Revs. Andrew Cant, John Moore, John Hinshelwood, W. Rogerson (Workington), W. A. P. Johnman, R. Macnair, W. Graham, Archibald Gardner, A. M. Symington, George Bell, George Douglas, W. A. Walton, Dr. Wright, J. M. Ross, Dr. White, Dr. Morison, A. Forsyth, W. Addison, W. Rogerson (Warkworth). ELDERS: Messrs. A. H. McBryde and G. B. Bruce.

CONVENER: Mr. H. M. Matheson. SECRETARY: Mr. James E. Mathieson. TREASURER, *pro tem.*: Mr. John Bell.

3.—JEWISH MISSION.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Fraser	Rev. G. Carlyle, M.A.	Mr. A. J. Malcolm	Mr. R. Craig, LL.D.
Raitt	Thos. D. Dixon	Robert Morton	Wm. Carruthers
John Matheson, M.A.	Dr. Edmond Boyd	Thomas Bell	John Smith
George Elder, M.A.	Traill	J. M. Leitch	John Johnstone
William Wingate	A. W. Carmichael	J. E. Mathieson	Robert Garden
M. Davison	Alex. Skene	J. S. Ness	Thos. Butler
A. J. Murray	John Kelly	Lewis Stewart	W. A. Boulnois
D. MacColl	Robert Taylor	Wm. Tulloch	F. J. Horniman
		Wm. Melles	Robert Paton
		John Bell	

With Representatives from Presbyteries, same as on Foreign Missions Committee.

CONVENER: Rev. Robert Taylor. TREASURER, *pro tem.*: Mr. James S. Ness. SECRETARY: Mr. J. M. Leitch.

4.—THE COLLEGE.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Anderson	Rev. Dr. Simpson	Dr. Levi	Mr. D. Matheson
Boyd	Wright	Stewart	H. M. Matheson
Chalmers	W. Ballantyne	Mr. T. Bell	James Michael
Drummond	W. Dinwiddie	Rev. D. Blelloch	R. Morton (Clapham)
Dykes	G. Drysdale (Crouch Hill)	Mr. W. A. Boulnois	J. S. Ness
Fisher	G. Elder	Gainsford Bruce	A. T. Ritchie
Fraser	W. G. Elmslie	G. B. Bruce	W. P. Sinclair
Hamilton	D. Fotheringham	W. Carruthers	J. C. Stevenson, M.P.
Lorimer	J. Gibb	A. Gillespie	S. Stitt
MacLeod	W. Graham	J. Johnstone	W. Tulloch
Moore	W. T. Johnston	J. M. Leitch	A. Young
Morison	G. Johnstone	C. E. Lewis	
J. M. McKerrow	J. Kelly	A. Macnicol	
Meharry	J. Reid		
Paterson	H. C. Wilson		
Raitt			

With Representatives from Presbyteries, same as on Foreign Missions Committee.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Dykes. SECRETARY: Rev. W. Dinwiddie. TREASURER *pro tem.* Mr. Charles E. Lewis.

5.—SCHOOLS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Lorimer	Rev. W. Ballantyne	Mr. D. Harvie	Mr. Alex. Littlejohn
Fisher	A. W. Carmichael	J. Johnstone	J. A. Malcolm
Geo. Drysdale		J. Muir Leitch	

With Presbytery Representatives, same as on Foreign Missions Committee.

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Lorimer. TREASURER *pro tem.*: Mr. John Johnstone.

6.—AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS FUND.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Wright	Rev. T. Macpherson	Mr. George Duncan	Mr. R. T. Turnbull
W. Boyd	D. Terras	H. H. Matheson	J. Watson
T. W. Brown	John Thompson	J. Halliday	A. J. Malcolm
R. H. Lundie		C. E. Lewis, M.P.	

With Presbytery Representatives, same as on Foreign Missions Committee.

CONVENER: Rev. T. Macpherson. TREASURER *pro tem.*: Mr. George Duncan.

7.—WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

MINISTERS		ELDERS.	
Rev. T. W. Brown	Rev. D. Henderson	Dr. A. P. Stewart	Mr. J. C. Stevenson, M.P.
W. Dinwiddie	John Reid	Mr. G. B. Bruce	A. Wark
		W. A. Boulnois	S. Stitt
		Geo. Duncan	W. P. Sinclair
		T. Matheson	
		Robt. McEwen	

With Presbytery Representatives, same as on Foreign Missions Committee.

Convener: Rev. T. W. Brown. Treasurer *pro tem.*: Mr. T. Matheson.

8.—CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Anderson	Rev. John Reid	Mr. Alex. Littlejohn	Mr. W. A. Boulnois
Dykes	R. H. Lundie	G. B. Bruce	James Watson
T. W. Brown	H. Miller	F. T. Horniman	Thomas Bell
Wm. McCaw	James Muir	J. McDiarmid	Robt. McEwen
John Matheson		L. D. Thomson	S. Stitt
		R. T. Turnbull	Thomas Holder
		G. Duncan	Thomas Moffat
		Dr. Stewart	Walter Graham
		Mr. C. E. Lewis, M.P.	Robert Wales
		J. C. Stevenson, M.P.	

With Presbytery Representatives, same as on Foreign Missions Committee.

Convener: R. H. Lundie.

9.—LAW AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Chalmers	Rev. Dr. Grosart	Dr. Levi	Mr. John Reid
Drummond	Wm. Graham	Mr. W. Carruthers	Walter Graham
Dykes	R. H. Lundie	J. M. Leitch	Gainsford Bruce
Edmond	John Matheson	Adam Young	
Fraser	Wm. McCaw		
Lorimer	James Muir		
MacEwan	John Black		
Wright	W. Ballantyne		

With Presbytery Representatives, same as on Foreign Missions Committee.

Convener: Dr. Leone Levi.

10.—STATISTICS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. MacEwan	Rev. Robert Black	Dr. Levi	Mr. J. MacLean
James Muir	J. M. McKerrow	Mr. R. Wales	A. Littlejohn
		James Watson	

Convener: Dr. Leone Levi.

11.—SYNOD FUND.

Treasurer: Mr. James Watson.

12.—SUSTENTATION FUND.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Dykes	Rev. James Muir	Mr. W. D. Anderson	Mr. Robert Morton
J. Thain Davidson	J. T. McGaw	J. R. Robertson	Robert Wales
Edmond	G. Bell	R. T. Turnbull	W. Tulloch
Fraser	D. Fotheringham	G. B. Bruce	J. R. Arnott
Hamilton	W. Dinwiddie	W. Carruthers	S. Stitt
MacEwan	R. Leitch	J. M. Leitch	T. Bell
Raitt	A. J. Murray	Archd. Macnicol	R. Garden
R. Taylor	R. Black	J. S. Ness	W. P. Sinclair
D. MacColl	A. M. Symington	R. A. MacLean	J. E. Mathieson
J. Matheson		F. G. Horniman	A. Wark
W. Rigby Murray		Charles Kynoch	

With Representatives from Presbyteries, same as on Foreign Missions Committee.

Conveners: Drs. Fraser and MacEwan. Treasurer *pro tem.*: Mr. W. D. Anderson. Secretary: Rev. John Black.

13.—CONTINENTAL WORK.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Chalmers	Rev. Dr. Edmond	Dr. Craig	Mr. W. Meller
Drummond	T. W. Brown	Professor L. Levi	G. T. Mercer
Boyd	W. Dinwiddie	Sir G. B. Pechell	G. E. Sloper
Dykes	J. Kelly	Mr. W. A. Boulnois	J. C. Stevenson, M.P.
Fraser	R. H. Lundie	G. B. Bruce	F. W. Thacker
Lorimer	T. Meyer	F. G. Horniman	D. Matheson
Morison	A. J. Murray	H. M. Matheson	J. S. Ness
Wright	J. Matheson	J. E. Mathieson	James Watson

With Presbytery Representatives, same as on Foreign Missions Committee.

Convener: Dr. Wright. Treasurer *pro tem.*: Donald Matheson.

14.—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. J. Cunningham	Rev. Wm. McCaw	Mr. James Robb	Mr. F. Johnston
A. H. Drysdale	Chas. Moinet	J. A. Beith	Robt. McEwen
W. H. Elliott	W. Rigby Murray	W. Christie	David McGill
John Gordon	John Sclater	A. P. Jameson	David Smith
W. Graham	James Towers		
W. T. Johnston			
James Lees			

With Representatives from Presbyteries, same as on Home Mission Committee.

Convener: Mr. James Robb.

15.—INTERCOURSE WITH OTHER CHURCHES.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Chalmers	Rev. Dr. Dykes	Mr. D. Matheson	Mr. W. A. Boulnois
Wright	Hamilton	H. M. Matheson	R. Hedley
Edmond	J. Murray	W. P. Sinclair	Walter Graham
		S. Stitt	

With Representatives from Presbyteries, same as on Foreign Missions Committee.

Convener: Rev. Dr. Dykes.

16.—COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. MacEwan	Rev. R. H. Lundie	Prof. Leone Levi	Mr. Robert Wales
Fraser	J. M. Ross	Mr. G. B. Bruce	Robert Morton
Grosart	A. T. Murray	W. T. Thacker	J. E. Mathieson
Morrison	R. Taylor	Andrew Wark	John Somerville
Edmond	J. Reid Howell	Robert Paton	Robert Whyte
Gavin Carlyle	Geo. Drysdale	James Bain	Wm. Carruthers
		W. F. G. Blaikie	

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CONVENER: Dr. Edmond. SECRETARY: William Carruthers. TREASURER *pro tem.*: Mr. W. F. G. Blaikie.

17.—CHRISTIAN GIVING.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
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Mackay	J. Matheson	W. A. Boulnois	Thos. Matheson
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J. Black	S. M. M'Clelland	W. Carruthers	James Robb
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W. A. P. Johnman	A. M. Symington		
James Lees	J. B. Thorburn		

CONVENER: Rev. Dr. Mackay.

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J. Reid	Wm. Graham		

CONVENER: Rev. James Muir.

19.—DISTRIBUTION OF UNION THANKSGIVING FUND.

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Alex. Brown	John A. Beith
Stephen Williamson	Thomas Hall
Thos. Holder	Robert Hedley

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JOINT-CONVENERS: Messrs. S. Stitt and T. Matheson.

20. —OVERSIGHT OF PRESBYTERIAN SOLDIERS.

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Russell	J. B. Dougherty	Stevenson, M.P.	
Moore	James Christie	S. Stitt	
Raitt	J. L. Rentoul		
John Matheson	Charles Moir		
R. H. Lundie	J. Wood		
Wm. Porteous	Roome		

CONVENER: Dr. Wright.

21.—GENERAL PURPOSES (FORMERLY FINANCE).

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Samuel Stitt
John Bell
James G. Ness
Charles E. Lewis, M.P.
Donald Matheson
Mr. John Johnstone
George Duncan
Thomas Matheson
Wm. D. Anderson
A. J. Malcolm
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Convener: Mr. A. J. Malcolm.

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John Thompson
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R. S. Drummond, D.D.
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Mr. James Watson
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Thos. Bell
A. J. Malcolm
Geo. H. Brown
Thomas Hall

Convener: Mr. Samuel Stitt.

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MINISTERS.

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Dr. McKay
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Rev. George Lewis
R. H. Lundie
Geo. Johnstone
Dr. Fraser
Dr. Edmond

ELDERS.

Mr. George Duncan
G. B. Bruce
J. S. Ness
Mr. S. Stitt
Thomas Moffat

Chairman: R. H. Lundie.

N.B.—The Moderator is *ex officio* a Member of all the Standing Committees of the Church.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. That all Commissions transmitted to the Clerk of Synod shall be revised by him, in so far as regards the regularity of said Commissions in point of form, and that he shall report them to the Committee appointed by the Synod for receiving Commissions.

2. That the Clerk shall, on application, furnish Session Clerks with printed Copies of the Form of Commission, and of the Certificates appointed to be used by Act of Synod for certifying Elders chosen as Commissioners to the Synod, to be *bonâ fide* Acting Elders.

3. That all Commissions shall be in the hands of the Synod Clerk at least one week before the Synod meets.

4. That all Overtures and all Returns to Overtures from inferior Courts be in the form of Certified Reports from the Minutes of Courts, by which they are transmitted respectively, and that these be sent to the Clerk of Synod, so as to be in his hands at least one week before the meeting of Synod.

5. That papers in cases from inferior Courts, whether forming part of the Record or produced in evidence before said Courts, must, in each case, before they are given in, be duly dated, numbered, and initialed by the Clerk of the Court from which they come, and be accompanied by petition for transmission to the Committee of Bills by the parties sending them in.

6. That the Committee appointed by the Synod for Bills, Overtures, and Arrangement of Business, &c., shall meet as soon after their appointment as convenient, and as often as may be necessary thereafter, to prepare and arrange the business, and to transmit all papers which appear to them relevant to be taken up by the Synod, and regular in point of form, and that parties interested be in attendance.

7. That the Reports of the Committees of the principal Schemes of the Church be printed and circulated along with the *Actings and Proceedings* of Synod; and that a copy of each, certified by the Clerk as that given in to the Synod, be kept *in retentis*, and the Reports thus collected be bound up in volumes, to be preserved among the other Documents of the Synod.

8. That in cases where parties are called to the bar, two speeches only shall be heard for each party, including the reply, to which the appellant or complainant shall be entitled. But if there be more than two parties, there shall be only one speech heard for each, besides the reply. In case of there being more than one complainant, and it appearing that the complaints are on distinctly separate grounds, each may be considered a separate party.

9. That the following be the order in regard to Motions, Votes, and Decisions :—1. Every motion, whether original or amended, shall be given in to the Clerk, in writing, as soon as it shall have been read to the House.—2. When a motion is duly seconded, and in possession of the Synod, it shall not be competent to make any alteration upon it without the permission of the House, excepting in the shape of an amendment, or second or third motion, as the case may be, regularly proposed to the Synod.—3. The person who makes the first motion shall be entitled to the privilege of giving a reply, in which new matter must not be introduced; thereafter, the debate shall be held to be definitely closed, and no other person shall be entitled to speak, excepting with regard to the manner of putting the vote.—4. All motions after the first shall be considered as amendments on the first, and be disposed of accordingly.—5. When there are only two motions before the House, the question put to the vote shall be *motion* or *amendment*, or *first* or *second* motion.—6. When there are three motions, the first question shall be whether the second or third motion shall be put as the amendment against the first; and the second question shall be whether the first motion or amendment so fixed shall be the decision of the House.—7. When there are more than three motions, the first question shall be whether that last proposed shall be put as the amendment, and so on until only three remain, when the procedure shall be as presented in Article 6.

10. That in bringing up a Report from a Committee, the Convener thereof shall move the Synod to receive the Report, and shall thereafter move such Resolutions as embody the recommendations it contains.

11. That any proposal for a pause in the Synod's proceedings, with a view to engage in Special Devotional Exercises, shall be made to the Synod only through the Moderator, and that all letters addressed to the Moderator for the purpose of being communicated to the House, shall, in the first instance, be laid before the Business Committee, who shall advise the Moderator as to the way of disposing of them.

12. That Commissions or Letters from other Churches, or from Societies in favour of Deputies to the Synod, and all applications of persons to be heard by the Synod, shall be reported by the Business Committee, that proper arrangements may be made for their reception, if that shall, by said Committee, be deemed proper.

13. That Presbytery Books be called for on the Morning Diet succeeding the opening of the Court, and that a Committee or Committees be appointed for visiting the same, who shall fill up a schedule with the information required by the Synod regarding each book—said schedules to be returned not later than the end of the fourth day of the Synod meeting. That a copy of the Report, as sustained by the Synod, shall be transmitted to the Presbytery, to be engrossed in their Records.

14. That the Records of the Synod and of the Synod's Standing Committees shall be annually produced at the Synod, to be visited by a Committee appointed for this purpose, who shall attest the same on finding them correctly kept, and shall report thereon to the Synod.

15. That the Communion of the Lord's Supper be observed at the first Morning Sitting, before any business is transacted, and that the remainder of that Sitting, and the Evening Sitting thereafter, be devoted to the consideration of the Home Mission, Jewish, and Foreign Missions Reports; the Conveners of these Committees having authority to make public intimation of their concerted arrangements with reference to the reception of these Reports.

16. That the Minutes of any of the Diets be read and approved of *only* at a Morning Diet, with the exception of the Minutes of the last day of the Synod's Sittings.

17. That any Presbytery desiring certain of its representatives to be appointed members of the Business Committee of an ensuing Synod, may send in the names of such, with this view, to the Synod Clerk, one week at least before the meeting of said Synod, who is hereby directed, when the Synod is proceeding to the appointment of the said Committee, to declare such names along with the wish of the said Presbytery to the Synod.

18. That the Standing Orders be binding on all Meetings of the Synod, and that they be printed along with the Minutes of this Synod.

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REPORT ON MINISTERIAL CHANGES

FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR 1877-78.

The Rev. Dr. Carstairs Douglas died at Amoy on the 26th of July, 1877.

In the month of August, 1877, Mr. Henry Thompson, Licentiate, was ordained to the office of the Ministry by the Presbytery of Darlington; and in the month of September, 1877, Mr. John Rutherfurd, B.D., was ordained to the office of the Ministry by the Presbytery of Glasgow; and both were set apart to the work of Foreign Missions in this Church, the former to labour at Amoy, and the latter at Swatow.

Presbytery of Berwick.

1. Mr. John Orr, M.A., Licentiate, was ordained to the pastoral charge of Church Street Congregation, Berwick, on the 3rd of May, 1877.

Presbytery of Birmingham.

1. The Rev. James Ferguson was translated from Stafford to Lewes on the 24th of July, 1877.

2. Mr. S. D. Scammell, Licentiate, was ordained to the pastoral charge of Stafford Church on the 16th of January, 1878.

3. The Rev. J. L. Skerret was loosed from his charge at New John Street, on receiving a Call from Walsall, on the 19th of March, 1878.

4. The Rev. J. L. Skerret was inducted at Walsall on the 25th of March, 1878.

Presbytery of Bristol.

1. The Rev. William A. McAllan, translated from Norwich, was inducted into the pastoral charge of Swansea on the 13th of December, 1877.

Presbytery of Carlisle.

1. The Rev. William Ferguson, along with his Congregation in

Barrow-in-Furness, was transferred to the Presbytery of Liverpool in May, 1877, by the authority of last Synod.

Presbytery of Darlington.

1. The Rev. Alexander Murray was loosed from his charge at Holderness Road, Hull, on the 26th April, 1877, in order to his induction to John Knox Church, Stepney, London.

2. The Rev. John Forrest was loosed from his charge at Springbank, Hull, on the 5th of June, 1877, with a view to his settlement in Portland Road United Presbyterian Church, Kilmarnock.

3. The Rev. John Clark, M.A., was loosed from his charge at Redcar on the 4th of September, 1877, in order to his being inducted to Union United Presbyterian Church, Kirkcaldy.

4. The Rev. Robert A. Watson, M.A., Minister of Newport Road United Presbyterian Church, Middlesborough, was admitted, along with his Congregation, into this Church, on the 5th of February, 1878.

5. Mr. Alexander S. MacPhee, M.A., B.D., Preacher of the Gospel, was ordained to the pastoral charge of Redcar Congregation on the 21st of February, 1878.

Presbytery of Liverpool.

1. The Rev. William Ferguson, Minister at Barrow-in-Furness, was, with his Congregation, by authority of last Synod, received into the Presbytery of Liverpool in May, 1877.

2. Mr. David Hewitt, M.A., Licentiate, was ordained to the pastoral charge of Sutton Congregation on the 24th of July, 1877.

3. The Rev. James Bodel, B.A., was inducted at Bootle on the 27th of September, 1877.

4. The Rev. Patrick M. McLeod resigned his charge at St. Peter's, Liverpool, on the 10th of December, 1877.

Presbytery of London.

1. The Rev. Alexander Murray was inducted into the pastoral charge of John Knox Church, Stepney, on the 7th of June, 1877.

2. Mr. William Armstrong, Licentiate, was ordained to the pastoral charge of Silverhill Congregation, Hastings, on the 26th of June, 1877.

3. The Rev. William Dale was inducted into the pastoral charge of the Congregation at New Barnet on the 26th of July, 1877.

4. The resignation of the Rev. R. D. Brownlee, as Colleague and Successor to the Rev. James McGill, Bournemouth, was accepted on the 30th of August, 1877.

5. The Rev. James Ferguson was inducted into the pastoral charge of the Congregation at Lewes on the 30th of August, 1877.

6. The Rev. James Cunningham, M.A., was inducted into the pastoral charge of the Congregation at Wandsworth on the 27th of September, 1877.

7. The Rev. John Gibb was inducted as Resident Professor in the College on the 8th of October, 1877.

8. The Rev. W. A. McAllan was translated from Norwich to Swansea on the 20th of November, 1877.

Presbytery of Manchester.

1. The Rev. William Morison, M.A., being called to Leith, was loosed from his charge at Pendleton on the 15th of May, 1877.

2. The Rev. William Young, B.A., was inducted at Higher Broughton on the 28th of June, 1877.

3. The Rev. James Cunningham, M.A., on his Call to Wandsworth, was loosed from his charge at Longsight on the 6th of August, 1877.

4. The Rev. David R. Cowan was inducted to the pastoral charge of the Whalley Range Congregation on the 30th of August, 1877.

5. Mr. Samuel Macnaughton, M.A., Probationer, was ordained to the pastoral charge of the Preston Congregation on the 18th of October, 1877.

6. Mr. William C. Flint, M.A., Probationer, was ordained to the pastoral charge of the Pendleton Congregation on the 21st of March, 1878.

Presbytery of Newcastle.

1. The Rev. David Wilson, Minister of the Church at Wallsend, died on the 15th of October, 1877.

2. The Rev. Gawn Malcolm, Minister of the Church at Hebburn, resigned his charge on the 13th of November, 1877.

3. Mr. John Reid, M.A., Preacher of the Gospel, was ordained to the office of the Ministry, and inducted into the pastoral charge of the Gosforth Congregation, on the 20th of December, 1877.

4. Mr. James Carswell, M.A., Licentiate, was ordained to the pastoral charge of the Byker Congregation on the 25th of April, 1878.

Presbytery of Northumberland.

1. Mr. James Gray, Probationer, was ordained to the office of the Ministry, and inducted as Colleague and Successor to the Rev. James L. Muirhead, Cheviot Street, Wooler, on the 12th of March, 1878.

Tabulated Statement.

	Ordinatns.	Inductns.	Admissns.	Translatns.	Resignatns.	Deaths.
Mission Field..	2	..	..	..	..	1
Presbytery of						
Berwick	1	..	..	..	..	..
Birmingham ..	1	1	..	2	..	..
Bristol.....	..	1	..	..	..	..
Carlisle	..	..	1	..	..	..
Darlington	1	..	1	3	..	..
Liverpool	1	1	1	..	1	..
London	1	5	..	1	1	..
Manchester....	2	2	..	2	..	..
Newcastle	2	..	..	..	1	1
Northumberland	1	..	..	..	..	..
	12	10	3	8	3	2

Total .. 38

The Ministerial Changes during the previous Synodical year were in number 28, so that there is an excess this year over those of the previous one to the number of 10.

W. McCAW, *Clerk.*

HOME MISSION REPORT,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

The Home Mission Committee, in submitting their Report for the past year, adopt the threefold division into which their labours naturally branch. They deal with *Church Extension*, with *Evangelisation*, and with *Temperance*; and to these three departments of service they would respectfully invite the attention of the Church.

I.—Church Extension.

The past year has been one rather of "strengthening the stakes" than of "lengthening the cords" of the Church; one for consolidation rather than for enlargement. The truth is, that for some years past the work of Church Extension has been pushed forward with more vigour, perhaps, than the available resources of the Church altogether warranted. The Committee felt that important openings were presented to them in the large cities and towns of England; they felt, moreover, that there were means in the Church perfectly adequate to enable them to enter into these openings. And hence they encouraged the origination of new enterprises to a greater extent, probably, than the funds at their disposal actually authorised. They are satisfied, however, that all the new enterprises are not only conceived in a right spirit, but also placed on a right basis; and hence they have reason to believe that the result in every case will be such as to glorify the Lord, and promote the best interests of the Church. Though in the meantime, therefore, pecuniary resources may appear to fail, they are assured that their path is right, and that the Lord will establish their goings.

The only new field that has been undertaken by the Church during the year is Eastbourne, in the Presbytery of London.

Eastbourne is a large and rapidly increasing watering-place on the south coast, between Brighton and Hastings, much frequented, especially in summer, by visitors from London. The London Presbytery, recognising the importance of the sphere, opened a Preaching Station there in August last. The only available hall is very unsuitable as a place for Divine service, and this has retarded the progress. A site for a permanent church, however, has been purchased; and it is intended that the erection shall be proceeded with as speedily as possible. To enable them to proceed vigorously with their Christian enterprise, the friends at Eastbourne have a strong claim on the sympathy and support of the Church, as those acquainted with the place are fully satisfied of its capabilities to yield an important and flourishing congregation. Your Committee

regret that the state of their Fund has prevented them hitherto from making a grant towards the maintenance of ordinances at this interesting station.

The Synod will hear with satisfaction of the progress that is being made by those congregations the founding of which was reported by your Committee at the last Annual Meeting.

At *Brockley* (London) services have been conducted during the year with undiminished interest and success. It is expected that the congregation will soon take the important step of calling a minister—a measure for which the London Presbytery's Church Extension Committee regard them as fully ripe. And there can be no question that for an able and devoted pastor there is in the district a sphere of more than ordinary usefulness and promise. The congregation, without any extraneous aid, have within the last few months discharged all the debt on their iron church, and in addition contributed a sum of £200 towards the maintenance of ordinances for the year. They are thankful for the past and hopeful for the future.

Your station at *Richmond* has been regularly supplied with ordinances during the year. The Committee in charge, however, have not yet been able to secure a site for a church; and this has tended to interfere to some extent with the station's progress. But the Presbytery of London have no doubt whatever as to the importance of the sphere and as to the eventual success.

At last meeting of Synod the London Presbytery were empowered to raise your preaching station at *Canterbury* to the status of a sanctioned charge, so soon as they should deem it expedient to do so. This they have recently done. The congregation are at present giving a call to a minister, a site for a church has been purchased, and there is thus the prospect of your soon having a thoroughly equipped position in that important and venerable ecclesiastical fortress.

Your young congregation at *Walsall*, in the Presbytery of Birmingham, have recently had a minister settled over them, the Rev. J. L. Skerret, formerly of New John Street, Birmingham. The settlement is one of a very cordial character; the congregation has a population of some 50,000 on which to operate; and from the character of pastor and people, your Committee augur a future of manifold blessings.

The Church Extension movement reported on at last meeting of Synod under the name of *Union Church* (Liverpool) has had considerable difficulties to contend with. It is hoped, however, that they may soon be surmounted. The congregation are meanwhile worshipping in a public hall, and have the thorough sympathy and encouragement of the Liverpool Presbytery.

The erection of your new church at *Sefton Park* (Liverpool) is steadily progressing; the Church is to cost some £10,000. The lecture hall will be ready for services in a couple of months; the entire premises are expected to be complete in the autumn; and as the locality is one of very great importance, this movement may be expected materially to advance the interests of the Church and of religion generally in the district.

The removal of *St. Paul's* congregation, Birkenhead, contemplated at

last meeting of Synod, has since been effected. Its new locality is Higher Tranmere—one of much greater need and promise than the old. An iron church has been erected and opened, and the immediate success has been such as quite to justify the act of removal.

Your preaching station at *Whalley Range*, Manchester, was with your authority erected into a stated charge in June last, and in August a most harmonious settlement was effected by the induction of the Rev. David R. Cowan. The congregation has since been making most satisfactory progress. A Sunday School, a Young Men's Society, and an Adult Bible Class have been established. A local Session consisting of four Elders has been appointed, along with a Committee of Management. The hall in which the services are held is uncomfortably crowded, and this renders it all the more necessary that the congregation get, as speedily as possible, into a permanent building of their own. They are now, accordingly, erecting a school and lecture hall as part of their ecclesiastical buildings, the entire of which will cost a sum of not less than £8000. They have themselves, with the aid of a few friends, subscribed £1300 towards this amount; and, without any aid from your Mission, have provided a respectable stipend for their minister. Your Committee feel justified in speaking of this new charge in very high terms of commendation, and they trust that when their appeal for help towards the building of a church comes before the friends of Church Extension, it will be liberally responded to.

Chiefly through the want of a convenient place of meeting, the progress of your station at *Eccles* during the past year has been somewhat impeded. It is nevertheless in a healthy and hopeful condition. An eligible site has been secured on favourable terms, and steps are being taken, with the sanction of the Presbytery, for the erection of an iron church; and the Committee of Management feel confident that with a comfortable meeting-place a vigorous congregation will soon be gathered.

It was reported at your last meeting that at *Gosforth*, an important suburb of Newcastle, a lecture hall was being erected as part of the ecclesiastical premises of a congregation intended to be established in that locality. The hall was completed in May last, and was then opened for Divine service. The progress effected was so gratifying that in a few months the Presbytery raised the preaching station to the status of a sanctioned charge. Soon the congregation proceeded to choose a minister, and their choice fell on the Rev. John Reid, M.A., himself a distinguished *Alumnus* of your own College, and the son of one of the most highly respected ministers of your Church. Mr. Reid saw it his duty to accept the call. And so within a period of little more than half a year from the commencement of services a congregation was organised, and a minister settled; and this without any demand whatever on the public funds of the Church. Your Committee congratulate the Synod on the accession of such an interesting and hopeful charge, and doubt not that its future will harmonise with its auspicious commencement.

Your congregation at *Byker*, another suburb of Newcastle, has this interesting element in its history—it is the only congregation which, as a preaching station, *before the Union*, was superintended and fostered by a joint-committee consisting of members of the United Presbyterian and

English Presbyterian Presbyteries of the district. During the past year the progress has been so satisfactory that the Presbytery has granted moderation in a call. The suffrages of the people have fallen on Mr. James Carswell, an esteemed Licentiate of the United Presbyterian Church, who has signified his intention of accepting their call. There is therefore every prospect of a speedy and satisfactory settlement being effected. And as the suburb is rapidly increasing, and is pronounced by those who know it to be one of great interest and promise, your Committee trust there will soon be a congregation here also, that will prove a source of additional strength and influence to the Church.

The Synod will be gratified to learn that, in addition to the *new* spheres of labour specified above, an old one has of late been revived, and with much promise of prosperity. Owing to a series of disasters, to which it is not necessary more particularly to advert, your congregation at *Preston* became defunct a short time before the Union. There was a strong desire felt, however, by the Presbytery of Manchester—especially under the stimulus of that happy event—that another effort should be made in that town of considerable importance. Accordingly a re-opening was effected. The Presbytery was so favoured as to obtain the services of Mr. Samuel MacNaughton, an earnest Licentiate, to labour for some months in the sphere. And the result has been a very hopeful revival; Mr. MacNaughton has been settled as the fixed pastor; the various agencies of an organised congregation are vigorously at work; and if they had only a church erected—in which enterprise your Committee commend them to the hearty sympathy of the Synod—they have before them the prospect of much usefulness and manifold blessings in the future.

In reviewing the record of these twelve new openings very recently entered into by the Church, your Committee are persuaded that in every one of them there are elements of success; and they do not doubt that, with the blessing of the Divine Head of the Church, every one will become a source of light and benediction to the neighbourhood in which it is located. Let it be the Church's earnest prayer that this blessing may not be withheld: then the result shall be glory to God, and good to man.

Your Committee took the liberty of recommending at last meeting of Synod that each Presbytery should have a Church Extension Committee, or other association, whose special business would be, in co-operation with your Committee, to promote the formation of new congregations in suitable localities within the bounds. They are aware that such Committees have been in existence for some years in the Presbyteries of London, Manchester, and Newcastle; and have in the past rendered important service to the interests of Church Extension. They are afraid, however, that few other Presbyteries have as yet followed these examples; and they would take occasion to renew their recommendation, in the assurance that such local organisations would contribute materially to the general advancement of the Church.

The Church Extension Fund of the London Presbytery has shared during the past year in the general depression of the times. The depression, however, it is hoped, is only temporary. And the

Presbytery's Committee—under the able and hearty Convenership of Mr George B. Bruce—have in view important steps in advance for the future. Specially, they have in contemplation the planting of a church in each of the seats of the great English Universities—*Oxford* and *Cambridge*. In Oxford, indeed, a site for a church has already been secured. They are of opinion, however, that, inasmuch as Scotland is sending a considerable number—and from year to year an increasing number—of students to these two Universities, the Scottish Churches are even more deeply and directly interested in having Presbyterian congregations planted in these cities than the English Church is. They mean, therefore, to embrace a favourable and early opportunity of soliciting the aid of those Churches in the building of a church and manse in each of these University seats; convinced as they are, that it is most important to the future interests of the Presbyterian Churches of Great Britain that they be effectively represented at these great centres of learning.

The Church Extension Committee of the Presbytery of Manchester have during the year collected some funds towards the object for which they were appointed. The times, however, have been inauspicious; and, consequently, no important movement has been made. But there are various inviting spheres in their neighbourhood—such places as Huddersfield, Halifax, Dewsbury, Burnley, Accrington, Oldham, Stockport, Bury, Blackpool, Buxton, Alderley—in every one of which, they believe, there is a sufficient nucleus for the formation of an eventually prosperous Presbyterian Church; and they trust the time is not far distant when your Committee will be able to report that a number at least of these places have been undertaken, and so an important contribution made towards overtaking the necessities and claims of this densely populated district.

II.—Evangelisation.

In this department of your Committee's work they do what in them lies to encourage and promote the carrying of the Gospel to those that are out of the way. They are always ready to assist Ministers and Sessions in finding suitable Evangelists to conduct special Mission Services within their bounds. Their experience, however, has been, that local parties generally prefer to make their own arrangements. And, consequently, the functions of your Committee have, as a rule, been limited to the stimulating of local energy, the assisting in providing the funds, whenever necessary, for carrying on special evangelistic work, and the gathering and circulating of such information regarding evangelistic enterprise within the bounds of the various Presbyteries as might be advantageous and encouraging to the entire Church.

In view of their present Report they have received information, entering more or less into details, from all the Presbyteries of the Church.

In a very recent Report your Committee took occasion to detail minutely the evangelistic agencies employed by the individual congregations in the various Presbyteries, and to give illustrations of the practical results furnished by many of them. They are of opinion, however, that whilst occasionally such a course is desirable and profitable,

it is not needful to enter into the specific details from year to year. The Mission agencies employed by the various congregations are in general so similar, their plans of operation are necessarily so much alike, and their results are so kindred in character, partly stimulating to gratitude and praise, because souls have been added to the Lord, and partly moving to humiliation and sorrow, because sinners have declined to accept the Saviour, that your Committee do not deem it necessary on this occasion to elicit the details submitted by the various Presbyteries. Those furnished by the Presbyteries of Birmingham, London, and Manchester are the most complete, although in the others there are not a few interesting records.

Let it suffice to say, that in the reports from all the Presbyteries there is abundant evidence that the Church is alive to the necessity, not merely of nurturing her own children, but also following after the outcast and the forsaken. It may be, indeed, that the full tide of evangelistic enterprise, to which the Church rose some years ago, has somewhat abated. At least there may not be such demonstrative exhibitions of her missionary zeal. But there can be no question of this—her various congregations are doing a good work amongst the neglected masses. They have their local missionaries, and their Bible-women, and their special services, and their mission rooms, and their open-air preaching, and their ragged schools, and their mothers' meetings, and their colporteurs, and their tract distributors, and their evangelistic agencies—there being scarcely any congregation reported on that is not employing some one or more kinds of instrumentality for reaching the neglected. And whilst in very many instances the gratifying record is appended, that the means employed have been attended by the Divine blessing to the conversion and salvation of souls, your Committee are convinced that in no case will faithful service rendered to the Master be in vain; if the fruit do not appear at once, it yet will appear, it may be many days hence.

As germane to the work of evangelisation, your Committee have to report that they have implemented the instructions of the Synod at its last meeting with reference to an Overture from the Presbytery of London anent evangelistic workers. The Overture, omitting the preamble, is in the following terms:—

"It is hereby humbly overtured . . . . that careful consideration be given to the question in what way the Church may best formally recognise and most efficiently employ such agents"—namely, the Evangelistic Workers referred to—"in the work of preaching the Gospel, and what relations to the government and organisation of the Church they should be held to sustain, with a view to give to the Church all the advantages of individual zeal and ardour, and to zealous workers all the benefits of the Church's sympathy and supervision." The Synod agree "to send the overture down to Presbyteries, directing them to give it careful consideration during the currency of the present year, and to send their suggestions in regard to it to the Home Mission Committee before the 1st of March, with instructions that they consider the same, and report to next meeting of Synod."

Your Committee have to report that of the ten Presbyteries, five, namely, those of Berwick, Bristol, Carlisle, Manchester, and Northum-

berland, have either offered no suggestions at all, or have recommended that instead of framing any general regulations to be applied to all evangelistic workers, each case should be dealt with by the Synod as it arises, in the way which may seem most expedient. The other five, namely, those of Birmingham, Darlington, Liverpool, London, and Newcastle, have offered specific suggestions. And after considering these, your Committee are of opinion that the following recommendations might appropriately be made to the Synod :—

1. That each Session regard it as part of its duty to look out among its own members or those of the congregation for suitable Evangelistic Workers, and in all competent ways promote Mission Work within its own bounds.

2. That no Evangelistic Worker be recognised who is not a member of the Presbyterian Church, recommended by his Session, and approved of by the Presbytery's Evangelistic Committee.

3. That his recognition be for a period, in the first instance, of not more than three years.

4. That while labouring in connection with a particular congregation, he be amenable to its Session, and when labouring more generally in a large town or district he be amenable to the Presbytery of the bounds.

5. That as far as his status in relation to the government and organisation of the Church is concerned, the Synod pass no specific regulations, but determine each case that arises on its own merits.

The Committee venture accordingly to offer these recommendations to the Synod.

III.—Temperance.

Your Committee conceive that they will best indicate their convictions regarding this department of their work by reporting the action they have taken anent the Overtures sent down to them by last Synod for their consideration. These were two in number, the one more general from the Presbytery of Liverpool, the other from the Presbytery of Carlisle, suggesting more particularly that, in view of the mighty evils caused by intemperance in the country, the Synod should have a Standing Committee specially charged with this subject, and, either by forming a Temperance Association in connection with the Church, or otherwise, labour to mitigate these evils. The Synod remitted these Overtures to your Committee, with instructions to report on the suggestions therein contained, and especially on the question whether it is advisable to institute a Temperance Association in this Church.

Your Committee have given their attention to the question, and have come unanimously to the following finding :—

The Home Mission Committee, having considered the two Overtures on Temperance remitted to them by the Synod, resolve that—Inasmuch as the prominent work of the Home Mission Committee is the promotion of Church Extension, and, consequently, their dealing with the question of intemperance, has necessarily taken only a subordinate place: and, inasmuch as the evils of intemperance in the country have grown to such gigantic proportions as to demand the earnest and sustained efforts of all sections of the Church, in order that they be lessened, if not removed: the Committee therefore recommend to the Synod, not as suggested, the institution of a Temperance Association in

this Church, but the appointment of a Standing Committee to be charged, under the Synod's supervision, with the devising and carrying out of such measures as may, by God's blessing, tend to arrest the progress of this mighty evil, and further the interests of sobriety among the people.

This finding will show the Synod that, in the judgment of your Committee, the time has come when a separate Committee should be appointed, charged exclusively with the interests of Temperance. On the one hand they feel that, necessarily, owing to the speciality of the prominent department of their work—Church Extension—their efforts for years past in the Temperance cause have not been at all proportionate to the emergency. On the other, they feel that the evils—physical, moral, spiritual, domestic, social, national—attendant on the immoderate use of intoxicating drinks are so tremendous that the Church that neglects to put forth her utmost energies in endeavouring at least to mitigate them is neglecting an essential duty, and is open to grave censure. It is true—and this is one gratifying element in a matter that is characterised almost exclusively by lamentation, mourning, and woe—it is true that there has been a considerable reduction in the amount of money spent last year by the United Kingdom on intoxicating drinks. The sum so spent in 1876 was upwards of £147,000,000. The sum so spent last year was £142,000,000, so that there is a reduction to the amount of some £5,000,000 sterling—the sum now standing almost at the point it had reached in 1874. It is therefore gratifying that from some cause—the commercial depression of the country, or the action of Temperance Reformers, or both combined—the tide seems to have turned; and there is some prospect of the abatement of this dread national curse. At the same time, if it be true, that in England 60,000 persons die from the effects of excessive drinking every year; if it be true, that—as represented by judges and magistrates—75 *per cent.* of the crime of the country is due directly or indirectly to strong drink; if it be true, that—as brought out by a Return recently issued by the House of Commons—the number of arrests for drunkenness in England for the last twenty-five years has been steadily and rapidly on the increase, the number in 1851 having been 70,097, whilst in 1876 it had mounted up to 104,174; if it be true, that the undue use of intoxicating drinks is constantly ruining for time and eternity tens of thousands of families throughout the land; if all this be true—and your Committee believe it is—they do submit that no effort which the Synod can legitimately and wisely put forth should be neglected in order that this terrible evil may be arrested.

So far as the immediate action of the Synod in relation to the Legislature is concerned, your Committee are persuaded that it should be towards the closing of public-houses on the Lord's Day. This is a question in regard to which the Churches of the country are almost unanimous. It is a question that bears directly on the sacredness of the Lord's Day, on the physical, moral, and religious well-being of those engaged in the Liquor Traffic, and on the best interests of the entire community. Your Committee believe that all temperance reformers, all philanthropists, and all enlightened Christian men are agreed in regard to it; and that if they were only determined in their action, and would concentrate their energies on this one object, they could compel the Legislature to grant

this immense boon to the country. It is hoped that the friends of Sunday Closing in Ireland are on the eve of wresting this blessing for their country from the hands of a reluctant Government. And so soon as it shall have been secured for Ireland—as it has already been, with manifold blessings, for Scotland—your Committee cannot think that all the efforts of the Publican Interest in England will succeed in postponing, for any length of time, the day when a similar measure shall be passed to shed its benefits and benedictions on the people of this land. They respectfully recommend that the Synod again petition the Legislature in favour of the Sunday Closing Bills for England and Ireland.

Funds.

In regard to the state of the Home Mission Fund, your Committee can speak only in terms of regret and anxiety. Not only is their Treasury empty; they are in debt to their Treasurer at the present date to the amount of £384; and yet they have received during the year a grant of £1000 from the Union Thanksgiving Fund, to enable them to meet their liabilities, as well as a sum of £393 from the Free Church of Scotland. It must be taken into account, besides, that they are under promise for the ensuing year to recently established Church Extension charges to the amount of about £1500. In these circumstances they do feel themselves to be in a position of more than ordinary embarrassment. Whilst they cannot charge themselves as having been guilty of any rash or reckless expenditure of the Church's funds, they cannot but think that the Church has been very scanty in her benefactions, and has by no means risen, in connection with this important department of her work, to a right appreciation of her privileges and her duty. There are very few indeed of her congregations, as your Committee believe, that have contributed anything approaching the amount that might reasonably have been expected from them on behalf of one of the most important enterprises in which the Church is engaged. In recently considering this question, your Committee came to the conclusion, that no congregation should be satisfied with giving merely an annual collection to the Fund; and they unanimously adopted the following Minute:—"That it be a recommendation from this Committee to the Synod, that without interfering with the present system of taking collections, such steps be taken as may be needful for the formation of a Missionary Association, or other special organisation in each congregation, where it does not already exist, for the support of such departments of the Church's Missionary enterprise as the Synod may determine." Your Committee believe that, until each congregation has some such stated and systematic plan for the collecting of funds, this and other schemes of the Church will always be languishing through lack of the needful resources.

It will be in the recollection of the Synod that the Special Fund, usually called the Scottish Subsidy, as arranged by the United Presbyterian Church at the time of the Union, towards augmenting the stipends, for five subsequent years, of the aid-receiving United Presbyterian congregations in England that should enter into the Union, was entrusted to the care and management of your Committee. A special

report in regard to it, prepared by Mr. Samuel Stitt, who is the esteemed Treasurer at once of that Fund and of your Home Mission, is herewith appended.

And now, in resigning their trust into the hands of the Synod, your Committee realise deeply the comparative inefficiency of their services during the past year. There has not been that progress made in the work, especially of Church Extension, that might have been anticipated. They realise at the same time that there is a noble field lying before this Church in England. The prevalence of scepticism on the one hand, and of sacerdotalism on the other, renders a pure Gospel, such as this Church exhibits, doubly necessary and doubly precious. She occupies, moreover, a vantage ground of peculiar potency. In the possession of a definite Biblical creed; in the possession of a form of ecclesiastical polity combining so strikingly the order of a regularly constituted government with the liberty of the Christian people; in the possession of a certain measure of evangelical life and earnestness; in the possession of a very considerable and unusual degree of favour among the larger Churches of England; and more especially, now that the auspicious Union has so materially increased her visibility, her prestige, and her power for Christian work: there is a sphere of influence and usefulness opened up before her that might well excite the enthusiasm and the energies of any Christian Church. Let her rise to a right appreciation of her opportunity, do her best to enter in by the wide door and effectual God has opened for her, and, depending always on the power that comes from above, she will be a light and a blessing on the soil of England.

In the name of the Committee,

WILLIAM McCAW,
W. RIGBY MURRAY, } *Joint-Conveners.*

MANCHESTER, *April 2nd*, 1878.

Addendum.—As an illustration of the serious evils resulting from the emptiness of the Home Mission Treasury, it is added, that at the last meeting of the Committee there were applications from *six* important spheres; and owing to the lack of funds, every one of them had to be declined.

SCOTTISH SUBSIDY.

In explanation of the statement of the aid given to late United Presbyterian congregations under the direction of the Home Mission Committee, it may be necessary to remind the Synod that the arrangements for the Union included a provision for continued aid to those United Presbyterian congregations which were receiving assistance from the Synod of that Church.

Three classes of congregations had to be considered :—

First.—Congregations receiving aid to make up the stipend to £200 per annum.

Second.—Congregations with whom special arrangements had been made, extending in some cases over a term of years. And,

Third.—Mission Stations.

In the words of the Minute of the United Presbyterian Union Committee, "it was most desirable that the aid-receiving United Presbyterian congregations in England which are to form part of the United Church should continue to be as liberally supported as hitherto."

To *assist* in securing this, and instead of making any division of the property of the United Presbyterian Church, it was ultimately agreed to contribute the following amounts over five years, to be distributed for behoof of the congregations interested :—

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1876.	Surplus grants to 13th June ..	580	4	5			
	Subsidy, 13th June to 31st December	1138	14	6			
					1718	18	11
1877.	Subsidy, 1st Jan. to 31st December..	929	2	2			
		910	19	7			
					1840	1	9
1878.	Subsidy, ,, ,,	743	5	9			
		683	4	8			
					1426	10	5
1879.	,, ,, ,,	557	9	4			
		455	9	10			
					1012	19	2
1880.	,, ,, ,,	371	12	10			
		227	14	11			
					599	7	9
1881.	,, to 13th June.. ..	..		..	185	16	5
					£6783	14	5

With this annually-diminishing Subsidy the United Church assumed the existing liabilities of the United Presbyterian Synod to these congregations ; but it was anticipated that before long a Sustentation Fund Scheme would be adopted by the United Church which would embrace these aided congregations, and to which the Subsidy would prove helpful to some extent, and that meantime the contributions to the Home Mission Fund of the late U.P. section of the Church, aided by the

growing strength and liberality of such congregations, would go far to meet the deficiency.

An examination of the Treasurer's statement will show that the grant from the North, assisted by the contributions from the late United Presbyterian section of the United Church, have so far met the outlay.

It may be helpful to an understanding of the accompanying statement of accounts to explain that the aid given to United Presbyterian supplemented congregations consists, 1st, of augmentation paid *prospectively*; and 2nd, surplus grants *retrospectively*, and paid annually in April. To facilitate the transition of these congregations to the Sustentation Fund, which pays *retrospectively*, the Treasurer advanced in September, 1877, £531 5s., and in January, 1878, £441 5s of Surplus Grants not due till April, 1878, which was finally recouped by the half-year's Subsidy received in March, 1878.

The special grants still to be paid for the year 1878, which will amount to about £600, will go far to exhaust the balance of this year's Subsidy, which is not due till December. With the yearly diminution of this class of claims, the Sustentation Fund will, however, in future years receive the larger portion of the Subsidy from the North, in accordance with the following arrangement made in July, 1877, between the Home Mission Committee and the Sustentation Fund Committee:—

I.—That from 1st January, 1878, after all claims on the Subsidy from Scotland have been settled which are payable for service ending 31st December, 1877, and after a sufficient amount has been reserved to meet the obligations to those congregations with which special arrangements were made prior to the Union (estimated at £860), the Home Mission Committee shall be expected to hand over the whole of the remainder of the Subsidy to the Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund Committee, who shall place it to a separate account.

II.—That while the weaker aid-receiving congregations shall be encouraged and stimulated, wherever possible, to contribute to the Fund sufficient to entitle them to be placed on the equal dividend platform under the existing arrangements, the Committee shall have the power, when satisfied that any congregation is really unable to do this, to draw from the Subsidy so much as shall be necessary to make up the deficiency—the amount so drawn constituting a first charge on the same; this arrangement, however, only to apply to the period covered by the Subsidy, which terminates on the 13th June, 1881. It being understood, however, that no congregation shall claim the privilege of this provision whose minister's income would not suffer by the application of the ordinary rules of the Sustentation Fund.

III.—That in the case of all aid-receiving former United Presbyterian congregations on the Sustentation Fund, where the dividend from it does not reach the amount any minister received from his congregation and the Home Mission Committee of the United Presbyterian Church in the year 1875, the Subsidy may be drawn upon to make up the deficiency till the date above mentioned.

IV.—That the balance of the Subsidy, after meeting these obligations, shall be available for the general objects of the Committee.

SAMUEL STITT,
Treasurer.

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Presbytery of Berwick	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ancroft Moor	—					
Beaumont Union	0 15 6				71 17 6	
Belford: Columba	—					
,, Erskine	3 14 6				30 0 0	
Berwick: Bank Hill	—					
,, Church Street	5 0 0					
,, Wallace Green	22 0 0					
Chatton	2 15 0					
Crookham	0 4 6					
Etal	0 10 0					
Holy Island	1 13 6				45 0 0	
Horncliffe	—					
Lowick	—					
Norham: North Church	2 0 0					
,, South ,,	1 0 0				111 17 6	
Spittal	9 10 9				30 0 0	
Tweedmouth	—					
		49 3 9				288 15 0
Presbytery of Birmingham						
Birmingham: Broad Street	3 15 0					
,, Camphill	24 9 6					
,, New John Street	2 0 0					
,, Smethwick	2 0 0				166 17 6	
Burton-on-Trent	3 6 1					
Derby	3 10 0					
Dudley	2 0 0					
Hanley	5 0 0					
Leicester	—				135 0 0	
Nottingham	—					
Shrewsbury	1 2 6		81 5 0			
Stafford	—					
Wolverhampton	4 14 10					
Worcester	—					
Walsall	—		37 10 0			
		51 17 11		118 15 0		301 17 6
Presbytery of Bristol						
Aberdare	—					
Bristol	—					
Cardiff	9 0 0					
Cheltenham	9 15 0					
Gloucester	6 0 5					
Hereford	—					
Plymouth	—					
Swansea	6 10 0					
Torquay	9 6 0					
Wyastone Leys	—					
		40 11 5				
Presbytery of Carlisle						
Bewcastle	—					
Brampton	—					
Carlisle: Warwick Road	5 18 3					
,, Fisher Street	45 0 2					
Cleator Moor	—					
Great Salkeld	5 0 0				64 0 0	
Haltwhistle	—					
Carried forward	55 18 5	141 13 1		118 15 0	64 0 0	590 12 6

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Presbytery of Carlisle—*(continued.)*						
Brought forward	55 18 5	141 13 1		118 15 0	64 0 0	590 12 6
Maryport: John Street	3 11 6					
,, Crosby Street	10 5 6				146 7 6	
Penrith	20 0 0				150 1 3	
Pennruddock	—				64 0 0	
Whitehaven: Market Place ...	2 7 0					
,, High Street	5 0 0				57 11 3	
Workington	—					
		97 2 5				482 0 0
Presbytery of Darlington						
Bishop Auckland	1 12 0				41 5 10	
Crook	2 0 0				142 10 0	
Darlington	4 0 0					
Mount Pleasant, Tudhoe	2 4 8				101 7 6	
Grimsby	1 14 5		75 0 0			
Hartlepool	4 9 7				143 2 6	
Harrogate	2 0 0		100 0 0			
Hull: Holderness Road	2 16 10		50 0 0			
,, Prospect Street	22 4 10					
,, Springbank	—				100 0 0	
Middlesborough	1 0 9					
Redcar	2 10 0				40 0 0	
Stockton: St. George's	3 0 0		25 0 0			
,, St. Andrew's	3 0 0					
Towlaw	0 17 0				151 17 6	
West Hartlepool	2 0 0				155 15 0	
Whitby: Trinity	1 10 0		62 10 0			
York	—		90 10 0			
		57 0 1		403 0 0		875 18 4
Presbytery of Liverpool						
Barrow-in-Furness	—					
Birkenhead: Claughton	92 16 11					
,, Grange Road	81 19 0					
,, Hamilton	1 10 0					
,, St. Andrew's	—					
,, St. Paul's	1 10 0					
Chester	3 16 0					
Douglas	3 0 0					
Egremont	12 7 3				75 0 0	
Liverpool: Canning Street	29 3 9					
,, Derby Road	26 9 0					
,, Everton Valley	13 6 6					
,, Fairfield	17 10 0					
,, Hyslop Street	—					
,, Islington	23 17 6					
,, Mount Pleasant	76 1 5					
,, Princes Park Road ...	2 2 0					
,, Queen's Road	—				25 0 0	
,, Shaw Street	3 0 0					
,, St. George's	9 12 3					
,, St. Peter's	3 16 6					
,, Trinity	13 0 0					
,, Vauxhall Road	—					
Parkgate	5 0 0					
Ramsey	7 13 1				15 1 9	
Rock Ferry	11 10 7					
Carried forward	439 1 9	295 15 7		521 15 0	115 1 9	1948 10 10

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Presbytery of Liverpool—(*continued.*)	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward...	139 1 9	295 15 7		521 15 0	115 1 9	1948 10 10
Southport	9 5 7					
St. Helen's	2 0 0					
Sutton	1 18 0					
Waterloo	2 19 0					
		155 4 4				115 1 9
Presbytery of London						
Alderney	—					
Aldershot	2 10 1		50 0 0		40 0 0	
Aston Tirrold	0 15 0					
Bournemouth	—					
Brighton: Trinity	18 0 0				325 0 0	
,, Queen's Road	19 10 0					
Canterbury	—					
Chatham	1 7 10					
Croydon	7 0 0					
Demerara: Better Hope	1 0 0					
Gravesend	—					
Guernsey	1 3 3					
Holybourne	0 19 7					
Ipswich	—					
Jersey	3 0 0					
Lewes	—					
London: Belgrave	—					
,, Bermondsey	—		62 10 0			
,, Bow Road	2 16 2				125 0 0	
,, Brockley	—		75 0 0			
,, Camberwell	9 0 0					
,, Camden Road	10 5 0					
,, Canonbury...	2 0 0					
,, Clapham Road	102 10 0					
,, Clapton	—					
,, Crouch Hill	10 17 0		83 6 8			
,, Ealing	5 5 6		100 0 0			
,, East India Road	—					
,, Forest Hill	—					
,, Goldington Crescent ...	—		50 0 0			
,, Greenwich	21 2 3					
,, Hammersmith	4 10 0					
,, Hampstead	73 13 4					
,, Highbury	15 10 0					
,, Islington	19 10 0					
,, Kensington	2 14 7					
,, Kingston-on-Thames ...	—		100 0 0			
,, Marylebone	77 1 4					
,, Millwall	—					
,, New Barnet	—					
,, Notting Hill	40 11 8					
,, Old St. Pancras	—					
,, Regent Square	153 18 6					
,, Richmond	—		100 0 0			
,, St. John's Wood	193 12 6					
,, South Kensington ...	12 10 0					
,, Southwark	1 10 0					
,, Stepney	3 0 0					
,, Stratford	—				187 10 0	
Carried forward	817 3 7	750 19 11	620 16 8	521 15 0	677 10 0	2063 12 7

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Presbytery of London—*(continued.)*						
Brought forward...	817 3 7	750 19 11	620 16 8	521 15 0	677 10 0	2063 12 7
London: Streatham	6 6 1		100 0 0			
,, Tottenham..	6 0 0					
,, Upper Norwood	4 3 8		62 10 0			
,, Victoria Docks	—					
,, Wandsworth	7 10 0		25 0 0			
,, Westbourne Grove ...	5 0 0					
,, Whitfield	—					
,, Willesden	100 0 0		100 0 0			
,, Wood Green	1 12 0		100 0 0			
,, Woolwich: St. Andrew's	14 6 0					
,, ,, New Road ...	—					
Maidstone	—					
Norwich	8 0 0					
Portsmouth	—					
Reading	—		100 0 0			
Singapore	—					
Silverhill, Hastings	5 12 0		50 0 0			
Southampton: St. Andrew's ...	6 0 0					
St. Mary s, Woolston	—		43 15 0			
Withyham	—					
		981 13 4		1202 1 8		677 10 0
Presbytery of Manchester						
Blackburn: Mount St.	7 0 0				75 0 0	
,, St. George's	30 0 0					
Bolton	—					
Bradford	25 0 0					
Crewe	1 10 0					
Leeds: Hanover Square	2 0 0		95 0 0			
,, St. Columba's	—					
Manchester: Ancoats...	2 0 0		50 0 0			
,, Bowdon...	15 0 0					
,, Brunswick Street ...	48 0 0					
,, Coupland Street ...	25 0 0					
,, Eccles	—		37 10 0			
,, Grosvenor Square ...	39 12 10					
,, Higher Broughton ...	—					
,, Longsight	7 16 0					
,, Pendleton	4 0 0					
,, Sale	—					
,, Salford	5 0 0					
,, St. Andrew's	16 0 0					
,, Trinity	78 0 0					
,, Withington	14 19 6					
Preston	—		50 0 0			
Ramsbottom	3 0 0					
Risley	—					
Rochdale	—					
Sheffield	—					
Stalybridge	1 17 1					
Tunley	—		2 0 0		65 0 0	
Warrington	5 0 0					
Whalley Range	—		50 0 0			
Wharton	1 10 0					
Wigan	1 17 0					
	—	334 2 5	—	284 10 0	—	140 0 0
Carried forward		2066 15 8		2008 6 8		2881 2 7

HOME MISSION AND AUGMENTATION FUNDS.

Presbyteries, Churches, &c.	Collections and Subscriptions received to Home Mission Fund, 1877-8.	Total of each Presbytery	Grants, &c., paid—Home Mission Fund, 1877-8.	Total of each Presbytery.	Grants Augmentation Fund, late U.P. Congregations, from 1st Oct., 1876, to March, 1878.	Total of each Presbytery.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward...		2066 15 8		2008 6 8		2881 2 7
Presbytery of Newcastle-on-Tyne						
Bellingham	4 4 0				80 0 0	
Blackhill	19 11 6					
Blythe: Bridge Street	—				118 2 6	
,, Waterloo Road	1 5 0					
Durham	1 5 0				57 12 6	
Falstone	1 8 0					
Gateshead: Durham Road	2 14 0				65 0 0	
,, Ellison Street	—					
Hebburn	1 1 0					
Hexham	7 9 6					
Houghton-le-Spring	—				80 0 0	
Jarrow: Ellison Street	21 18 0					
,, Wear Street	—		30 0 0			
Killingworth	0 10 0					
Newcastle: Barras Bridge	20 0 0					
,, Blackett Street	—					
,, Byker	—		50 0 0			
,, Erskine Church... ...	3 2 2				10 0 0	
,, John Knox	5 0 0					
,, Park Road	—		75 0 0			
,, St. George's	4 0 0					
,, Trinity	11 0 0					
,, Westmoreland Road ...	33 0 0					
North Shields: Howard Street ...	—					
,, Northumberland Sq.	12 14 6					
Seaton Burn	1 0 0		12 10 0			
Seaton Delaval	1 10 0					
South Shields: East Street	1 0 0				31 13 4	
,, Laygate	13 2 1					
,, Mile End Road ...	2 10 0					
,, St. John's	3 0 0					
Stamfordham	2 8 6				161 7 6	
Sunderland: Bethany	5 0 0				169 7 6	
,, North Bridge Street ..	3 10 0					
,, St. George's	8 0 0					
,, St. Stephen's	3 10 0				166 17 6	
,, Smyrna	12 1 10				45 0 0	
,, Trinity	20 0 0					
Swalwell	2 3 0				167 10 0	
Walker	2 5 7					
Wallsend	2 12 0				83 10 0	
Wark	1 0 6					
Willington Quay	2 14 9				82 0 0	
		237 10 11		167 10 0		1318 0 10
Presbytery of Northumberland						
Alnwick: Clayport Street	—					
,, Lisburn Street	—				120 12 6	
,, St. James's	0 14 0					
Bavington	0 19 0					
Bedlington	1 1 0				106 17 6	
Birdhopecraig	1 3 9					
Branton	—					
Embleton	2 13 11				54 7 6	
Felton	1 0 0					
Carried forward	7 11 8	2304 6 7		2175 16 8	281 17 6	4199 3 5

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Presbytery of Northumberland—*(continued.)*						
Brought forward...	7 11 8	2304 6 7		2175 16 8	281 17 6	4199 3 5
Glanton	3 0 0					
Harbottle	1 0 0					
Longframlington	0 12 0					
Morpeth	5 0 0					
Newbiggin	—					
North Middleton	—				159 7 6	
North Sunderland : West Church ...	—					
,, East Church ...	—				60 0 0	
Otterburn	10 18 0				80 0 0	
Thropton	1 5 7					
Warenford	1 4 0					
Warkworth	—				126 17 6	
Widdrington	—					
Wooler : Cheviot Street	3 0 0				40 0 0	
,, Tower Hill...	2 12 6				101 17 6	
,, West Chapel	2 6 1					
		38 9 10				850 0 0
Donations						
R. Barbour, Esq., Bolesworth ...	50 0 0					
Rev. Wm. McCaw, Manchester ...	10 0 0					
Thomas Matheson, Esq., Liverpool...	10 0 0					
"A. M.," Berwick	25 0 0					
Rev. A. M. Dalrymple, Smethwick...	10 0 0					
Dr. A. P. Stewart, London	6 6 0					
Mr. and Mrs. McNab	5 0 0					
W. F.	1 0 0					
R. T.	1 0 0					
Deceased Member, St. George's, Morpeth	1 4 3					
W. J., Mission Box, Jarrow ...	1 0 0					
G. G., Jarrow, for mercies received	0 11 0					
A Friend, per Rev. Wm. McCaw ...	100 0 0					
Shepherds and Gamekeepers in Glen of Lethnot, Forfarshire, per Rev. W. A. Mitchell	0 4 6					
		221 5 9				
Free Church of Scotland	130 5 7					
Less Expenses of Collection ...	36 15 6					
	—	393 10 1				
Union Thanksgiving Fund	—	1000 0 0				
Annuities	—			55 0 0		
Half Evangelistic Expenses... ...	—			11 5 11		
Printing, &c.	—			156 13 9		4 19 0
		3957 12 3		2398 16 4		5054 2 5

HOME MISSION FUND.

In Account with the Treasurer, 1877—78.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance due to Treasurer	...		...	469	7	9
,, Grants to Presbytery of Birmingham...	118	15	0			
,, ,, Darlington ...	403	0	0			
,, ,, London ...	1202	1	8			
,, ,, Manchester ...	284	10	0			
,, ,, Newcastle-on-Tyne	167	10	0			
				2175	16	8
,, Annuities	..		...	55	0	0
,, Travelling Expenses	...		...	50	10	0
,, Half Expenses of Evangelistic Services	...		...	11	5	11
,, Printing, Stationery, and other Incidental Expenses	...		...	69	8	3
,, Contributions from late U.P. Congregations received since 13th June, 1876, transferred to Augmentation Fund of late United Presbyterian Congregations. Amount from 13th June, 1876, to February, 1877	490	10	10			
Do., February, 1877, to date ...	1020	0	9			
				1510	11	7
				£4342	0	2
,, Balance due to Treasurer				£384	7	11

Accounts audited and found correct,

THOS. MATHESON,
JOHN McDIARMID, } *Auditors.*

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Collections	...		...	1151	9	5
,, Associations	...		...	1191	7	0
,, Donations	...		...	221	5	9
,, Union Thanksgiving Fund	...		...	1000	0	0
,, Free Church of Scotland Collections...	430	5	7			
Less Expenses of Collection ...	36	15	6			
				393	10	1
,, Balance due to Treasurer			...	384	7	11
				£4342	0	2

E. & O. E.

(Signed) SAMUEL STITT, *Treasurer.*

LIVERPOOL, *March 26th*, 1878.

AID AND AUGMENTATION FUND,

FOR LATE U.P. CONGREGATIONS AID-RECEIVING AT THE UNION,

In Account with the Treasurer from June, 1876, to March, 1878.

Dr. **Cr.**

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1876.			
Sept. 26 to Jan., 1877.	To Grants paid as under, viz.:—		
	,, Supplement from Oct. 1, 1876, to April 1, 1877	545 11 4	
	,, Special Grants	655 10 0	
	,, House Rents	62 10 0	
			1263 11 4
1877.			
April 3.	,, Supplement from April 1 to Oct. 1, 1877	541 5 6	
	,, Special Grants	200 0 0	
	,, House Rents	62 0 0	
	,, Surplus of 1876, divisible in 1877 (half-year)	508 6 8	
			1311 12 2
July 13.	,, Remaining half of Surplus 1876, divisible in 1877		578 6 8
Sept. 20.	,, Special Grants	205 1 9	
	,, House Rent	30 0 0	
			235 1 9
Sept. 28.	,, Supplement from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 1877	247 19 0	
	,, Special Grants	392 12 6	
	,, House Rent	27 10 0	
	,, Surplus of 1877, divisible in April, 1878, half-year paid in advance	531 5 0	
			1199 6 6
1878.			
Jan. 2.	,, Remaining half of Surplus 1877, divisible in April, 1878, paid in advance		441 5 0
	,, Special Grant		20 0 0
	,, Printing, &c.		4 19 0
Mrch. 26.	,, Balance in Treasurer's hands		163 18 7
			£5218 1 0

Accounts audited and found correct,
THOS. MATHESON, } *Auditors.*
JOHN McDIARMID, }

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1876.			
Aug. 30.	By Amount of Scottish Subsidy received this date	1033 18 4	
	,, Less proportion of Grants paid by U.P. Church on April 1, 1876, for periods beyond June 13, 1876	598 11 10	
			435 6 6
Sept. 25. 1877.	,, Amount of Scottish Subsidy received this date		1033 18 4
Mrch. 28.	,, Ditto ditto		827 2 8
Sept. 20. 1878.	,, Ditto ditto		664 1 4
Mrch. 20.	,, Ditto ditto		743 5 9
	,, Amount contributed by late U.P. Congregations to Home Mission Fund from date of Union, now transferred. Amount from June 13, 1876, to Feb. 20, 1877	490 10 10	
	Ditto, Feb. 20, 1877, to March, 1878	1020 0 9	
			1510 11 7
	,, Bank Interest		3 14 10
			£5218 1 0
1878.			
Mrch. 26.	By Balance in Treasurer's hands		163 18 7

E. & O. E.

(Signed) SAMUEL STITT, *Treasurer.*

LIVERPOOL, *March 26th*, 1878.

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

CHINA.

MISSIONARIES.

				Station.
*	Rev. George Smith	arrived in China,	1857.	Swatow.
	,, W. S. Swanson...	,,	1860.	Amoy.
	,, H. L. Mackenzie	,,	1860.	Swatow.
*	,, W. Macgregor	,,	1864.	Amoy.
	,, Hugh Ritchie	,,	1867.	Formosa.
*	,, William Duffus	,,	1869.	Swatow.
	,, William Campbell	,,	1871.	Formosa.
	,, Robert Gordon	,,	1872.	Amoy.
	,, John C. Gibson	,,	1874.	Swatow.
	,, Thomas Barclay	,,	1874.	Formosa.
	,, David Smith	,,	1875.	Formosa.
	,, Henry Thompson	,,	1877.	Amoy.
	,, John Rutherfurd	,,	1877.	Swatow.
*	William Gauld, M.D.	,,	1863.	Swatow.
†	James L. Maxwell, M.D.	,,	1863.	

NATIVE EVANGELISTS.—23 at Amoy, 9 at Swatow, and 24 at Formosa.

STUDENTS.—14 at Amoy, 6 at Swatow, and 11 at Formosa.

STATIONS.

DISTRICT OF AMOY.

Eight Stations organised as Churches—viz., E-mung-kang, Pechuia, Bay-pay, Khi-boey, Liong-bun-si, Anhai, Kio-lai, and Chin-chew.

Seventeen Stations not yet organised as Churches—Yu-boey-kio, Peh-chioh, Koan-jim, Koan-kio, Aw-sai, Liong-kay, Liong-nia, Siong-see, Tin-hai, Phu-kiong, Tung-kio, Ta-ying, Kang-khau, Gaw-chay, Pan-to, Aw-paw, and Kang-boey.

DISTRICT OF SWATOW.

Six Hok-lo Stations organised as Churches—viz., Swatow, Yam-tsau, Phu-soa, Ung-kung, Kieh-yang, and Mi-ow.

Ton Hok-lo Stations not yet organised as Churches—viz., Chao-chow-foo, Toa-soa-thau, Chiah-na, Tat-hau-pow, Chao-yang, Sin-hü, Kway-tham, Toa-ua, Kong-pheng, and Hue-che.

Six Hak-ka Stations not yet organised as Churches—viz., Soa-pa-kang, Ho-po, Ngou-hun-tang, Chie-sua, Lo-khoi, and Ho-tshan.

ISLAND OF FORMOSA.

Tai-wan District—One Station amongst Chinese, viz., Tai-wan-foo.

Four Stations amongst the Pe-po Hoan, viz., Bak-sa, Kam-a-na, Kong-a-na, and Poah-bay.

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* Salary paid by the Auxiliary Association in Scotland.

† Dr. Maxwell, formerly medical missionary in Formosa, renders valuable service to the Committee as Editor of the Gospel in China, and otherwise.

Hong-soa District—Ten Stations amongst Amoy-speaking Chinese—viz., Pi-thau, Ta-kao, Tang-kang, Tek-a-kha, Taw-kun-eng, A-kau, A-li-kang, Iam-paw, Ka-la-paw, Kio-a-thau.

One Station amongst the Hak-kas—viz., Lam-gan.

Ka-gi District—One Station amongst Chinese—viz., Ka-gi.

Four Stations amongst Pe-po Hoan—viz., Giam-cheng Ka-poa-soa, Thau-sia, and Hoan-a-chhan.

Chang-hoa District—Four Stations amongst the Sek-hoan—viz., Toa-sia, Aw-gu-lan, Toa-lam, and Gu-khun-soa.

The past year will be memorable in the history of mission work in China as the year of the Shanghai Conference. One hundred and twenty missionaries from the various districts of the Empire, of whom forty were ladies, assembled for mutual conference on the results of past labour, the various modes of mission work, and the possibility of so laying out the lines of future action as to obviate any waste of power. The Conference was attended with much blessing. It was a source of great encouragement to its members, and of undoubted stimulus to the whole mission body throughout China. Our own Mission was fully represented at the Conference, Dr. Douglas being chosen as one of its two Presidents, and four papers from as many of our missionaries being read before the meetings.

But the past year will for various reasons be still more memorable in the history of our own Mission.

1. Our brother "greatly beloved," Dr. Carstairs Douglas, on the 26th July, 1877, shortly after his return from the Conference, received the Master's summons, "Come up hither," and after twelve hours' illness from cholera, rested from his earthly labours. For twenty-two years Dr. Douglas had laboured for China. When he arrived on the field in 1855, he found the one station of Pechuia with its handful of members representing the mission work of our Church. When he died he left the Mission with twenty-four native congregations, having not less than 640 communicants and about an equal number of adherents. In a paper which few in the Church may have the privilege of reading, his fellow-labourer, Mr. Macgregor, has briefly sketched the leading features of Dr. Douglas's peculiar power as a missionary to the Chinese. We give one or two brief passages :—

In pastoral and evangelistic work our brother was equally at home. While occupied in visiting the out-stations connected with the Mission, preaching, teaching, and examining candidates for baptism, he was ever on the outlook for opportunities of preaching the Gospel to the heathen. By the wayside while he travelled, in a boat with fellow-passengers, or passing through a town or village, wherever an audience could be found, he was ready to avail himself of the opportunity. To "sow beside all waters" was with him not simply a felt duty, but still more an uncontrollable impulse. How diligently he laboured in instructing the native congregations, how their spiritual condition and the trials to which they were exposed weighed upon his mind, those who were much with him would realise, and only He to whose footstool he ever carried their case can fully know.

Another department of mission work in which Dr. Douglas took great pleasure was *the training of native agents.* In the system of united classes with the students of the English Presbyterian Mission and those of the American Mission he undertook training in music, and latterly also an exegetical class.

But this was only a small part of the work he did among the students. When in Amoy, he was every day out and in among them in our training institution, and, in particular, he made a point of regularly taking evening worship with them. A part of this worship consisted in carefully reading the Old Testament in course, a work for which he was especially fitted by his accurate knowledge of the Chinese written language and his intimate acquaintance with the text of Scripture both in Chinese and in the original tongues.

He has left in connection with the Mission a training institution, originally built at his own expense, 14 students at present under training, and 23 native preachers in active employment.

Those who have as students and preachers been specially connected with him keenly feel his loss. Many have bitterly sorrowed for him with tears.

Most of the time he could spare from direct mission work was given to the preparation of his Dictionary of the Amoy Vernacular. No one can examine it without seeing it to be a work involving an immense amount of toil. For fourteen years he continued to collect, revise, and correct materials for it. But he never allowed it to interfere with his active mission work. Day after day hours that ought to have been given to sleep or relaxation were devoted to it. While journeying in the mission boat it was his constant companion. From every source materials were looked for. Wherever he went his note-book was in his pocket ready to receive any new expression, and each expression thus obtained was afterwards submitted to three or four native teachers, and to mission preachers from different localities, to ascertain with accuracy its variations of meaning, and the extent of country over which it was current. As a vocabulary of the language spoken in the Chang-chew and Chin-chew prefectures, little can ever be added to it.

Nothing could more beautifully illustrate the intensity of his devotion to the Chinese than one of the touching scenes of his dying moments :—

One of the native pastors having called, he did not at first observe him, his eyes apparently having become dim ; but, being told he was present, he in broken sentences addressed him (in Chinese)—"Ah ! Iap Sian-seng . . . be always ready . . . for the Lord's will . . . here we may be of use in the Church . . . to be with the Lord is far better." The eagerness with which amid much weakness these words were spoken was very remarkable. It seemed to give him joy that he was able with his dying breath to witness a good confession to a brother-presbyter of the Chinese Church—that Church to the edification of which his life had been given.

2. Whilst mourning the loss of Dr. Douglas, the Church is called to rejoice in one very delightful fruit of his own and his colleagues' prolonged labours. Dr. Douglas lived to see the ordination of the first native pastor over a native self-supporting congregation. The ordination of the Rev. Tan-Leng over the congregation at Pechuia, marks an epoch in the history of the Mission. One deeply cherished desire of the Church has been to see the beginnings of a native pastorate in association with such congregational growth and energy as would permit of self-support. In the loving-kindness of God that desire has at length been gratified, and the example of Pechuia exists as a healthy stimulus to all other congregations of the Mission. It is now twenty-four years since the first little company of converts was gathered in at Pechuia, and the definite local work of the Mission commenced. It is a fitting seal on the reality of the work then begun, that of the seventy native

congregations founded by the Mission of our Church since 1854, the Pechuia Church is the first to perfect its organisation by a ministerial settlement. And it is also fitting that the pastor called to preside over this Church is himself a fruit of the spiritual work in Bay-pay, one of the group of Churches of which Pechuia is the centre.

It is impossible here, however desirable, to set forth all that is implied in the settlement at Pechuia. From one side it reminds us of the long years during which, and often with tears, our missionary brethren have laboured to cultivate and deepen the spiritual life of this their first native congregation. From another point of view, it speaks of the persevering efforts put forth by the Amoy labourers to secure a collegiate training for their young men, such as would make them capable of worthily exercising the pastorate; and from yet a third point of view, it tells of the quiet growth of Presbyterian organisation, which made the call of the new pastor a matter not only of due order, but of deepest interest to all the Churches represented in the Amoy Presbytery.

The Church will appreciate the earnest request of Mr. Macgregor that the Rev. Tan-Leng and his work should secure a place in the prayers of the Church in this country.

3. A step forward has been taken during the last year by the establishment of a Hak-ka Mission. The progress of the Mission westwards from Swatow has now for some years led our brethren there into unavoidable connection with a people, the Hak-kas, speaking a different dialect from that in use by the Hok-los of the Tie-chew prefecture. At Ho-po, the first station amongst this Hak-ka people, and which lies at a distance of eighty miles W. from Swatow, it was possible by the use of the Hok-lo dialect to do some direct work, Ho-po lying near enough to the Hok-lo border to have made its people pretty familiar with that dialect. But, in the providence of God, the work has gone on extending, and at four of the six Hak-ka stations which now exist in connection with the Mission, a Hak-ka student or helper is required to accompany the missionaries and act as interpreter. The most westerly of our Hak-ka stations is still a two days' journey over the hills from the nearest Hak-ka station of the Basel Mission, and at the urgent and oft-repeated request of the brethren at Swatow, it has been judged best to meet the difficulty by the establishment of a Hak-ka Mission, with, of course, labourers set apart for this special language. The first messenger of the Church to this people in the highlands of the Canton province has been sent forth in the person of Mr. John Rutherfurd, and it is earnestly desired to strengthen his hands as soon as a colleague can be found.

4. Another step in the direction of extending our Mission agency, and one which, it is fondly hoped, may be for blessing to many of the women of China, is the appointment of Miss Ricketts, of Brighton, to labour at Swatow, and specially with a view to the training of Biblewomen for work amongst their countrywomen. There is an open door for such an agency, but the Christian women who might be utilised for such work require both training and overlooking, and this is work on which the ordinary missionary cannot enter, and which the ladies of the Mission cannot give to the extent that is required. The

ladies at Swatow have zealously thrown themselves, as is well known, into work in behalf of their native sisters, and they, as well as the brethren at that centre, plead that the large and promising field which is open to this agency should not be neglected. It is the unequivocal testimony of neighbouring missions in China, that the employment of female agents thus trained has given them more success among the women than before, and that such converts when received are found to be both better instructed and more spiritually minded. The Lord has put it in the heart of Miss Ricketts to yield herself to this work, and the Church has reason to thank God for such another example as Miss Ricketts affords of the constraining power of Christ's love to make any sacrifice welcome rather than that His desire should be unfulfilled.

5. During the past year 200 adults have been baptised, and on the roll of Church membership in connection with our three mission centres there are now 2117 souls. Surely we have cause to give praise, and to set forward with new hope and zeal. We append some remarks on the leading features of the year at the various centres.

AMOY.

The death of Dr. Douglas could not but throw a largely increased amount of labour as well as weight of responsibility on his colleagues, Messrs. Macgregor and Gordon, and we would devoutly acknowledge the goodness of God in sustaining them in such health and strength as has enabled them, with the help of the native pastor, to overtake the whole work of their great field. Their burden and anxiety have been in a good measure relieved by the return of Mr. Swanson, who hastened to rejoin them on receiving the affecting tidings, as also by the arrival of a fresh labourer, Mr. Henry Thompson, who with his wife reached Amoy in the beginning of December last. The Committee cannot but feel, however, that the very prosperity of the work at Amoy makes it incumbent that the hands of the brethren there should be still further strengthened. Weakness in the mission staff now would simply be the loss of much of the advantage which past years of anxious labour have secured for the healthy development of the *native* work. As a Church we are praying and labouring towards a native Chinese Church, and the ordination at Pechuia is an event which enables us to glance forward into the far greater results of a similar character in the, probably, not remote future, but which should also warn us to make sure that we do not slacken our hold of present opportunities.

The brethren report the baptism, in 1877, of 59 adults and of 10 children. The present membership of the Church in this district, including children, is very nearly 900. Considering that cholera was so prevalent within the area of the Amoy Mission, it is remarkable that the deaths amongst the membership (9) were less in proportion than either at Swatow (9) or Formosa (19), where no such epidemic prevailed. The settlement of the long-standing difficulty at Chin-Chew will be hailed with thankfulness. It was a deliberate attempt on the part of the Chin-chew magistracy to put a check on the progress of the Mission in that great city. The struggle has lasted three years; and though the

Mission has not acquired the premises it had bargained for, it has, undoubtedly, thanks to God's blessing on the patient tenacity of the Amoy missionaries, secured a public recognition of its just rights, and in the long run a more advantageous settlement than the original purchase would have been—

The situation is certainly better. Our chapel is situated in the best street in Chin-chew, in the very centre of a city of 300,000 souls; and in the frontage we have secured, we will be able to have a preaching hall right in the street, where an audience can be got at any time.

The value of the native pastor's assistance is rated very highly by the missionaries—

Tan-Leng continues earnestly to give himself to the work of the Ministry both in his own congregation and neighbourhood, and in assisting us in visiting distant congregations. We have availed ourselves of his assistance in visiting these congregations, partly because in our short-handed condition we have ourselves been unable to overtake them so frequently as seemed desirable, and partly because we think it well that he should in various localities appear discharging the duties of the pastoral office just as we do. The more the Native Church comes to the front, the less violent will be the antagonism to Christianity as something foreign.

The Training College was re-opened last September with 14 students, a larger number than ever before. One of the former students, Thian-khe, who enjoys the confidence of the missionaries, has taken Tan-Leng's place as resident tutor. It need scarcely be said that on the results of the vigorous and systematic and prolonged training at the College much of our hopes concerning the future of the Native Church depends. At the Shanghai Conference considerable interest was expressed in the character and work of the Amoy Churches, and in the system of training pursued there. A paper on the latter subject, from the pen of Mr. Macgregor, was read before the Conference. One result of the initiation eight years ago of a system of regular examinations before a Board of Examiners, consisting of our own and the missionaries of the Reformed Dutch Church along with the native pastors, has been a steady advance in the demands made upon the students. In their four years' curriculum there are no less than six examinations of increasing degrees of severity, all of which must have been satisfactorily passed before the student can be recommended to his ecclesiastical superiors to be taken on trial for license. These various examinations permit of all the Books of Scripture being traversed, and include in their reach Theology, Church History, Preaching, and such secular subjects as Geography, Geometry, Algebra, and Astronomy.

It is a noteworthy sign of cordial and harmonious co-operation in missionary effort at Amoy, that the Board of Examiners this year includes the missionaries of the London Missionary Society, the same rules applying to the students and helpers of all three societies, and securing to the students of each mission the benefit of the teaching power in all.

That progress is being made in the matter of native contributions to the support of the Gospel is sufficiently evidenced in the settlement at Pechuia, which includes the support by the congregation of their own

pastor. The Report last May to the Presbytery of Amoy brought out the same fact—

Six new places of worship were opened during the year, making in all forty Chapels now connected with the Presbytery. Four additional schools were added to our list during the year. The amount contributed by the Native Church last year was 1923 dols., compared with 1700 dols. the year before.

The Girls' Boarding School for Children of Converts is now in full operation under the superintendence of Mrs. Macgregor and Mrs. Gordon. A worthy woman presides as matron, and a capable female teacher, educated in one of the American schools at Amoy, conducts the instruction. Eighteen girls are enjoying the benefits of the school.

SWATOW.

The energies of the brethren at Swatow have, during the past year, been taxed to the utmost. Whilst Dr. Gauld has been as fully occupied as ever in seeking faithfully to utilise the remarkable opportunities which his Hospital sets before him, Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. Gibson have been unwearied in traversing the whole wide field covered by their twenty-two stations, watching over the Churches, taking advantage of evangelistic opportunities, and in Swatow itself directing and assisting in the training of the students and in the superintendence of the Boys' Boarding school. They report with much thankfulness a larger ingathering of souls in 1877 than has taken place in any one year since the commencement of the Swatow Mission in 1858. Mr. Mackenzie writes—

As we remember the year that is gone, we would again bless the Lord, who still continues to crown us with loving-kindness and tender mercy. The number of adults baptised in 1877 was 82, the largest increase that has ever been attained in one year. Fifteen infants were baptised, and that too is a larger number of children than have been received in any previous year. The duty and privilege of infant baptism are not yet understood and appreciated by some of the converts; but we hope there is some improvement in this respect, and that succeeding years will show a further advance. When preaching at the stations, we often lay much stress on family religion, a subject in regard to which newly-received converts are generally found to have very crude and inadequate ideas. The number of whole familes within the pale of the Church is slowly increasing, though as yet they are few and scattered. Few things give us more delight than to see a family all whose members have one by one been brought from the dreary wilds of heathenism into the fold of the Good Shepherd. Some such we have seen, and we thank God for them.

The ingathering of 1877 does not, however, represent an equal measure of spiritual life over all the stations—

Of the 82 adults baptised, by far the larger proportion was received at Sin-hü, Mi-ow, and Kih-yang (three of the Hok-lo stations to the W. of Swatow). At some of the other stations there has for some time been much coldness and few signs of growth, while at others, again, there has been manifest decline. But we do not cease to hope, even for these, that days of revival will yet, in the "set time," come. We would earnestly ask the prayers of the Church that has sent us forth on behalf of the stations referred to.

Five new stations have been opened during the year; three amongst the Hok-los, or people who speak the Swatow dialect, and two amongst the Hak-kas. Of the three former, one, Chiah-na, is in the N.E., whilst the other two, Toa-ua and Kong-pheng, are in the extreme S.W. of the Swatow field. The three stations are important centres for work, being in large market towns. The two new Hak-ka stations are Chie-soa and Lo-khoi, both lying a little to the W. of the road connecting Ho-po and Ho-tshan. At four of these recently-occupied stations no persons have as yet been received to membership.

The opening of these various stations has necessitated the premature employment of a limited number of the students—

Last year we sent out three of our students to take charge of stations. We would gladly have kept these men at their studies here for a longer time, had the exigencies of the work admitted of this, but it could not be. As they were the oldest three of our students, we were the less reluctant to try them as assistants, and I am thankful to report that we are on the whole encouraged by the trial. The men seem to be really interested in their work, and, so far as we can judge, there is a spiritual savour about them which makes us hopeful that they will grow in usefulness as they grow in knowledge and experience. We intend shortly to send out another student, a lad who has now been with us for more than three years. He is the youngest we have tried in this work, and we are not without anxiety about him; but we hope much from the grace of God working in and by him. I would earnestly ask special prayer for these four men, and for all our assistants and students.

Every two months the assistants or preachers come in from the various stations to Swatow, to spend several days with the missionaries. They are formed into a class with the students, and carefully examined and instructed in portions of the Old and New Testaments previously prescribed. On these occasions they also read the sermons prepared by them on texts chosen by the Mission staff, and have them criticised. There is satisfactory evidence of interest in this exercise, and also of improvement.

The subject of increased "giving" on the part of the Native Church is thus remarked upon—

A year ago we recommended all the congregations to adopt the plan of the weekly offering, urging the members to make conscience of giving of their means regularly every Sabbath. This plan has been acted upon with encouraging results. Formerly we had tried monthly contributions, special collections on Communion Sabbaths, &c., but found that many gave very irregularly, and that the habit of putting off the payment of what they had subscribed was acting injuriously in various ways. We therefore resolved to try the weekly plan, and are hopeful that as the members see for themselves its advantages, they will act on it year by year more regularly and more liberally. It is up-hill work, this getting of the Chinese to give heartily to the Lord, but a beginning is being made, and we are glad to be able to report some progress. All the current expenses of the stations are more than defrayed by the contributions of the Native Church, and this is a decided step in advance. Moreover, a sum of about 150 dols. has been paid by the native Christians as school fees for the boys and girls now under our care in Swatow. Next year we propose to raise the fees, and are hopeful that the Church will, with profit, bear this proposal.

A considerable number of the patients in Dr. Gauld's Hospital

applied for baptism during the past year, and though only three were baptised, there is good reason to hope that others who returned to their homes unbaptised were quite convinced of the folly of idolatry and had become sincere worshippers of God. Fruit may be found, it may be years hence, from the Word preached from day to day to the patients. Though the hospital work is the great work of the medical missionary, it is pleasant to note other results which show the very high esteem in which the Doctor and his labours are held by the Chinese. By the favour of the leading mandarin of the district, whose life Dr. Gauld was instrumental in saving some years ago, a very favourable site was obtained for the new hospital. The Chinese merchant who has purchased the old hospital, readily and most courteously conceded the privilege of keeping on the old premises until the new are quite ready for use. Upwards of 1400 dollars have been given by the foreign and Chinese merchants of Swatow to assist in building the new hospital. This, with the price obtained for the old building, and some former contributions husbanded for the purpose, will amply suffice for the building of a comfortable hospital for a hundred patients, at the cost of only £100 to the Committee. A separate Hospital for Lepers is also being erected without charge to the Committee, to accommodate twenty patients.

The ladies at Swatow continue to give their zealous and most valued assistance in the superintendence of the Girls' Boarding School, and in the direction of the two Bible-women, both of which agencies are doing effective work. It is fully expected that the appointment of a lady missionary, whose strength will be expended almost wholly in the training of Bible-women, will give an immense impetus to this kind of work. The appointment is one which will exceedingly cheer our sisters who have the welfare of the Chinese women so deeply at heart.

Both the Boys' and Girls' Boarding Schools are in satisfactory operation, and promise excellent results. There are 33 boys boarded, and 4 day scholars. Sixteen girls are boarded in the Girls' School.

Of the Hak-ka Mission the Report has already spoken. Suffice it here to say, the Rev. John Rutherfurd, B.D., our first missionary specially set apart for labour amongst this people, arrived at Swatow in December last, and is now vigorously prosecuting the study of the Hak-ka language.

The Church will enter heartily into the spirit of Mr. Mackenzie's own view of the year's work—

> In looking back on the past year, we feel that in some respects decided progress has been made. New ground has been broken, and the boundaries of our occupied territory extended by the opening of new stations. Of course the field is as yet but very slightly occupied, for what are our twenty or more stations, and seven or eight hundred Christians, in a region where there are hundreds of towns and villages, with several millions of a population still in the darkness of heathenism? We are working at high pressure to overtake what we have already taken in hand, and are at times much exercised by the thought that we overtake it but very imperfectly indeed, and that much of what we would fain do must be left undone. But we work on in hope with good heart, for the Lord is on our side, and this work is His and cannot fail. Brethren, pray for us.

FORMOSA.

The union of the two branches of the Formosa Mission has, after twelve months' practical experience of its working, fully confirmed the anticipations of the Mission staff that it would prove the best arrangement for securing at once the training of students, the visitation of the Churches, and a due amount of attention to the evangelistic portion of the work.

The adult *membership* for this year shows an increase of 59 persons received by baptism; thirty children have also been admitted, so that now the entire membership in the Formosa Mission stands exactly at 1200. With regard to the 81 reported as being at present under suspension, Mr. Campbell, to whom, unless otherwise noted, we are indebted for the following quotations, remarks—

(1.) That, while the subject is no doubt a difficult one, we are not sure but that it would have been better had we oftener resorted to the very mournful and serious duty of excommunicating the more impenitent of those under suspension.

(2.) That the Communion Rolls, having recently undergone a somewhat careful revision, were found to contain about thirty names, carried forward from year to year, which, in all probability, will be omitted from the new Roll books now in course of preparation.

During the past year only eleven cases of discipline occurred over the whole Church, and the hearts of the brethren were gladdened to restore an equal number to the privileges of full communion. A decided advance in knowledge and general Christian character have been observed in nearly all those who have been admitted to the Church by baptism throughout the year.

The *number* of the Churches is the same as last year, twenty-six. From this time, however, that at Lai-sia, the most northern of our stations, must pass from the list.

The brethren there feel it quite impossible to hold their ground against the persistent attacks of the neighbouring savages. A strong armed guard must always be at hand; villagers have several times been pounced upon in the daytime, and it was feared that the whole settlement might be surrounded any night. Some of the families have arranged to go to Po-sia, but the greater number will be able to find a home among their brethren at Toa-sia (12 miles S.), thus strengthening the little Churches there, and obviating the need of building another chapel in what must have been a very thinly populated and somewhat inaccessible part of the country. Lai-sia was first visited in the autumn of 1871, when among its simple minded-people Dr. Maxwell and Mr. Ritchie were privileged to commence a work which has been undoubtedly owned of God. But a few years have wrought many changes about the place, and as we glance over the Communion Roll of 64 names, and our eye lights here and there on the ominous entry "killed by savages," we turn away with a sorrowful heart, and with a fervent hope that our poor tried brethren may have better days in store for them elsewhere.

The relinquishment of Lai-sia gives a geographical completeness to the Formosa Mission, and makes the Tai-kah mountain torrent, which is the S. boundary of the Tam-sui region, and on the N. bank of which the Lai-sia villages lie, the natural limit between our own and the Canadian Mission.

Of the twenty-five Churches remaining after Lai-sia is given up, three are in large walled cities, five are in crowded market towns, seven are in good-sized villages, and ten (some of which are the largest of all in point of numbers, gathering their members from the surrounding country) are in small country hamlets. Eleven lie within a radius of one day's journey from Tai-wan-foo, nine within two days' journey, while four days' good travelling can bring us to any of the Churches in the Chang-hoa district. Twelve of the Churches are amongst the Chinese, twelve amongst the Pe-po and Sek Hoan, whilst Lam-gan has an almost exclusively Hak-ka population. An aboriginal element of about twenty-five per cent. exists in the Chinese congregations of A-li-kang, Taw-kun-eng, and Ka-lah-paw.

The changes amongst the *Office-bearers* have been fewer than in previous years. Elder Chhim-hô at A-li-kang was deposed for meddling with Yamen affairs. One deacon at Tai-wan-foo resigned, partly on account of ill health. Two office-bearers died in the course of the year.

It is a matter of great comfort and gratitude for us to think that, amid frequent losses and failures, there are still several men, both in the eldership and deaconship, whose humble piety and active usefulness would be an ornament to any Christian Church, men on whom the passing years are making no change except in the right direction. The appointment of additional elders and deacons with some instruction in the duties of their office will probably receive a considerable amount of attention in the coming year.

We are glad to note the increase of native contributions in Formosa towards the support of the Gospel. To Mr. David Smith is committed, at present, the special charge of this matter of native giving, and he writes—

Believing that the money part of godliness is *at least* as important as any other part of it, I have been doing all in my power this year to establish systematic giving and account-keeping. I have provided each Church with a regular account-book, on the first page of which are written all necessary rules which, by God's help, I mean to see carried out to the letter.

The *Preachers* are reported to have all been fairly diligent in their work during the past year. They are beset with not a few difficulties and temptations, but considering their opportunities have done well, and give promise of further advance.

The *Students* are increasing in numbers, and their progress is encouraging:—

We have now the names of ten well-behaved, intelligent, and promising young men on our list; two preachers from the nearest Churches study with them from the Monday afternoons till Friday. One lad (the son of well-to-do parents) who has long been coming about the Hospital, is a voluntary student, and we have just decided to call another lad, who received baptism last summer at Lam-gan. Four examinations have been held with them during the past year, short weekly lectures on Hebrews have been given, they are now receiving a thorough grounding in arithmetic, and at morning and evening worship they have been instructed daily in the meaning of the Scriptures. With four ordained missionaries in the field, we of course look forward with much hopefulness to this part of the work. Our Tutor entirely coincides with any arrangements which are made, and throughout the year has rendered very substantial service both in the class-room and at the Sabbath and weekly meetings of the brethren in Tai-wan-foo.

Eight *Schools* for elementary education, rendered necessary by the special circumstances of the stations, are now in operation, there being a good return from whatever efforts have been made in this direction. Only one of the teachers is a baptised Christian, though four of the others regularly attend the Sabbath services, and the remainder show a good deal of respect for the doctrine and those who sincerely practise it.

The two *Colporteurs*, provided by the Scottish National Bible Society, and their work, deserve a few words, and especially the work of Pa, the senior colporteur. This has been carried on in all kinds of weather, among all sorts of people, and in every important part of the extensive field of the Formosan Mission.

He has recently returned from a long journey (to the Eastern side of the Island). He found that the civilised aborigines there had heard of the Gospel through friends on this Western side, that for the most part they live in scattered little mountain hamlets, that they are much fewer than some of our Pe-po Hoan friends at first led us to believe, and that the general belief and hope among them seemed to be the foreign missionary's ability to protect them from the savages on the one hand, and from the oppression of the Chinese settlers on the other. Meanwhile, at least, there is nothing to justify our attempting fresh ground in a region so remote and difficult of access as that from which Pa has just returned. His work will, therefore, continue to be among the crowded towns and villages from Tai-kah in the north, to Long-kiau in the south, a stretch of country nearly 200 miles in length.

Special efforts are being made in Tai-wan-foo itself to bring home the Gospel to the multitudes of that large city. The presence of the students and their tutor, and generally of one and sometimes two of the missionaries, in the city permits of this being done systematically.

Our plan has been to divide our forces into two little bands after the second service in the chapel, supply ourselves liberally with tracts, pamphlets, and small books; then go, the one party away down towards the west gate, along Lantern Street, to the front of a huge temple in this neighbourhood, on the steps of which we are freely allowed to take up our stand. Meanwhile, the other party has gone off in the opposite direction, first across a busy market place, where are seen fish-stands, fruit-stands, here the kit of a travelling brazier, there of a cobbler, hot steaming cans of unsavoury broth, perhaps two or three gambling tables, and I don't know what else besides, all looked after by a class of men who, whatever their faults may be, are neither sloths nor fools in the matter of buying and selling; and so on to a place where several crossways meet, and an audience can always be secured. We believe much good has resulted from the meetings thus held, and Mr. Barclay and Liong-lo have been appointed a Committee to look for suitable premises, with the view of opening a second place of worship in Tai-wan-foo.

The *Medical work* of the Mission has been carried on throughout the year by Dr. Dickson with increasing interest, and the services at the Hospital have been conducted with fair regularity twice a week by one of the ordained missionaries. The Dispenser has shown a large amount of true sympathy with the people, whether in attending to their bodily wants, or in telling them of the things that belong to their peace.

The time had arrived, however, when Dr. Dickson was entitled to seek some rest during a furlough at home, and he left China in the beginning of January last, accompanied by Mrs. Dickson, carrying with

him the affection and respect of all the brethren, not only for his own but for his work's sake. To the great regret of the Committee, Dr. Dickson has intimated his withdrawal from the Mission, as it is not his intention to return to Formosa. He will, we are sure, be greatly missed, and there is an urgent need for the speedy appointment of a successor. The Hospital must meantime remain closed, and the name of the Dispenser has for the present been placed upon the list of preachers, there being no room for his dispensing duties in the absence of a medical man.

We close the Report of another year's work of our China Mission in the words of one of our missionaries with regard to his own centre :—

The whole record for 1877 contains some things to humble us, much to encourage, and perhaps far more to fill our hearts with hopefulness, with gratitude and praise to the God of all grace. A better opportunity than ever is now set before us, and we would begin another year distrustful of ourselves but with humble confidence in His promises. "For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth to all generations."

HUGH M. MATHESON,

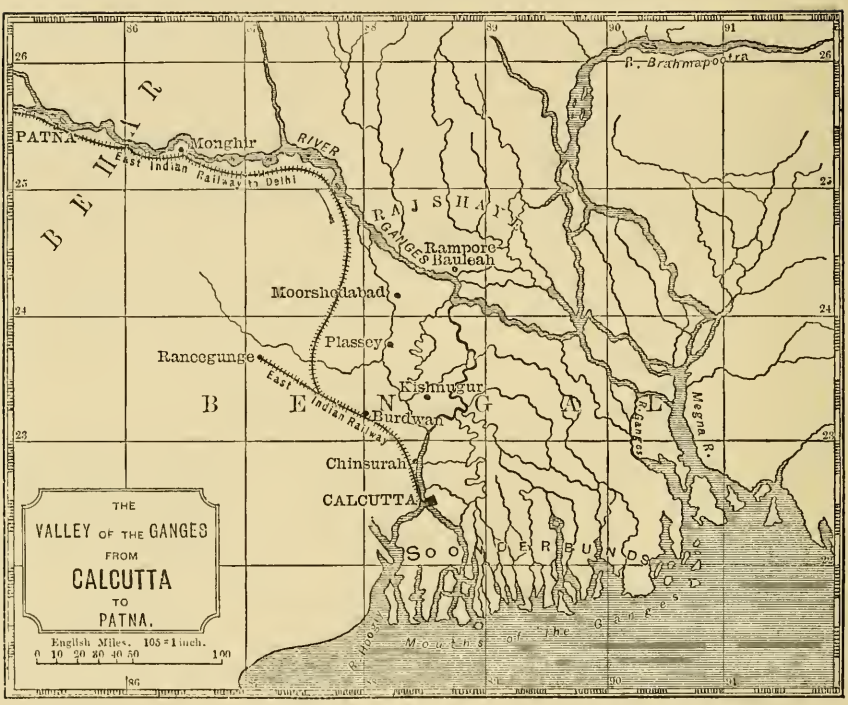
Convener.

STATISTICS OF THE MISSION FOR 1877.

	Communicants, 31st Dec., 1876.	Adults baptised during 1877.	Admitted to Communion, having been baptised in infancy.	Received by Certificate.	Restored to Communion.	Suspended in 1877.	Died.	Gone elsewhere.	Communicants, 31st Dec., 1877.	Children baptised in 1877.	Total baptised Children.	Members now under suspension.
Amoy	600	59	0	3	0	12	9	6	635	10	249	57
Swatow	463	82	0	2	0	5	9	1	532	15	146	52
Formosa	911	59	0	0	11	11	19	1	950	30	169	81
	1974	200	0	5	11	28	37	8	2117	55	564	190

INDIA.

STATION—Rampore Bauleah, in the District of Rajshaye, Bengal.
MEDICAL MISSIONARY—Dr. Morison.
NATIVE EVANGELIST—Mohendra Lall Singh.



THIS Mission to India, although contemplated on the part of our Church from the time of first engaging in Foreign Mission work, was not commenced until 1862, owing to difficulties in the way. In that year the attention of the Committee was directed to the District of Rajshaye by some members of the Church who were commercially interested in property in that part of India for the production of silk and indigo, and who promised liberal aid in support of a Mission, and in point of fact up to the present time they and their friends have provided about two-thirds of the whole cost.

In the Report to last Synod, the Committee announced the appointment of Dr. Donald Morison, as Medical Missionary, to take charge of the Station in room of the Rev. Behari Lall Singh, who died in 1873. They have now the pleasure of reporting that Dr. Morison, who sailed for India on the 24th of October, arrived safely about the end of November, and was hospitably received in Calcutta by the Rev. Dr. Fyfe, of the Free Church of Scotland Mission. Here he remained for some

weeks, making diligent and prayerful search for a Native Evangelist, at the same time visiting the Hospital and learning the language. He also made a preliminary visit to the Station. At length he was led to the conclusion that Mohendra Lall Singh, who, besides his other qualifications, had had three years' medical training in a hospital, was the man whom the Lord had chosen to co-operate with him in the work, and further intercourse has happily confirmed this opinion. They arrived together at Rampore Bauleah on the 24th of January, and lost no time in taking over the Mission property from Mrs. Singh, and beginning work. The details would overload this Report, but it may be stated shortly that Dr. Morison is delighted with the place as a sphere for mission work, he has been cordially received by our countrymen resident at the Station, and a lively interest has been shown in his arrival on the part of the native community. One of the school-houses has been fitted up as a dispensary, still retaining the school, and another as a preaching station. As an illustration of the hopefulness of the work before him, we give an account of his first meeting with the natives. Being invited by a young Mohammedan to preach to the people assembled at a market on his father's ground, Dr. Morison writes :—

> We accordingly went, and found a large concourse of people assembled in a square piece of ground close to this Mohammedan dwelling. Sheds were standing, under which rice, oil, cloth, rope, &c., were displayed for sale. We stood at a spot pointed out by our young friend, and Mohendra read aloud in a clear voice in Bengali—"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." I knew the verse, and I felt peculiarly moved under the sense of the fact that for the first time I was face to face with a Rajshaye audience. I could not follow the address, but, while he preached with great fervour and earnestness, I lifted my heart in gratitude to God for bringing me to Rajshaye, and asked the Lord now to honour His own Word. We had an audience of about 200, and the Lord was present with us indeed. We gave away a few copies of portions of the Scriptures to those who were able to read, and came away as the dark night set in, praising God for the light of the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A few days after his arrival the High School of the town was converted into a College for preparing young men for University degrees, and the opening was an occasion of great interest to the whole community. The event led to an earnest appeal being made to Dr. Morison, on the part of a native association, to assist in the instruction to be given in the College. To this Dr. Morison replied that "he was willing to be of use to the people of Rajshaye in any or every possible way, and that as he had come to live among them their interest and his became one ; but that they must never look upon him in any other light than as an ambassador of Christ, and that all he did would be for His sake, and to lead all classes to yield their hearts to Him." Feeling, however, the great importance of seizing the opportunity of this eager desire of the young men to learn English, he at once intimated his intention of opening a Bible-class for their benefit. He had no sooner done so than his house was besieged by youths asking when and where he was to open his Bible-class. An occasion soon offered for a more public announcement. A great heathen festival in honour of the goddess

of learning was held on the banks of the Ganges, three or four thousand being present. The closing scene consists of throwing the goddess into the river. Dr. Morison and Mohendra, stationing themselves on the most prominent place they could find on the banks of this mighty stream, the latter

"Raised his voice" in Bengali, and preached to them the one living and true God and His Son Jesus Christ. He besought them to turn from idols to the living God.

After he had spoken for some time, the young men asked if I would not speak to them, and Mohendra would translate as I went along. I did so, dwelling on the terrible sin of refusing to worship God, who was our creator and sustainer, and who must be grieved to see His children thus make images, which they say represent Him. After I had spoken for some time many of the educated, who knew English, gathered round, and requested me to speak to them in English, that they could understand. I did so, and explained my mission, and the object we had in coming to Rampore Bauleah, and invited any or all of them who desired to speak with me to come to my house. I cannot describe to you the beams of welcome which I read in every face. This was proved on the following day by groups of the young men coming to my house and asking about my Bible-class, which I had intimated there—all asking if they would be allowed to attend. I told them it was free, and that all would be welcomed. Since then I have daily groups coming to me, and asking about the Bible and salvation through Jesus Christ. Some are curious and thoughtless; others are inquiring and serious.

One more incident from his latest letter, dated 21st February, will give the Synod an idea of the openings for usefulness presenting themselves :—

Three young Hindoos came in, asking about Jesus and the religion I taught. They knew English sufficiently well to understand me and converse, but they knew nothing of Jesus Christ. This is the result of the Government purely secular education; they have lost faith in Hindooism, but have nothing in its place. They were very attentive, as I allowed them to direct the conversation regarding their own religion, and contented myself while on that subject with asking questions. I need hardly add that they were met by their own reason in their absurd beliefs, and candidly confessed they had no reasonable evidence for their religion but absurd traditions and unreasonable notions. They then asked Mohendra to pray to God that they might be led aright, and we all bowed our heads while the petition was sent up to Him who will not disregard it. I have been very particular in drawing the line between nominal Christianity and the true, which consists in a surrender of ourselves and all we have to the Lord Jesus, and receiving Him as our Saviour and our God.

Dr. Morison closes with an earnest appeal for prayer that wisdom may be given them, and faith in preaching the Word, and skill and knowledge in treating disease, so that doors may be opened for the entrance of the Truth.

In conclusion, it is hoped that the Synod will adopt some plan by which all the congregations of our Church may have an opportunity of giving substantial aid to this interesting Mission.

HUGH M. MATHESON,

Convener.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Treasurer's Account.

Foreign Missions Fund (China).—

Dr.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To *Missionaries' Salaries*, namely:—			
Amoy,	Rev. Carstairs Douglas, LL.D.	300 0 0	
	Rev. W. S. Swanson	430 0 0	
	Rev. Wm. Macgregor	390 0 0	
	Rev. Robert Gordon	340 0 0	
	Rev. Hy. Thompson	33 5 0	
Swatow,	Rev. George Smith	155 0 0	
	Rev. H. L. Mackenzie	345 0 0	
	Dr. William Gauld	400 0 0	
	Rev. William Duffus	340 0 0	
	Rev. J. C. Gibson	250 0 0	
	Rev. John Rutherfurd	25 10 0	
Formosa,	Dr. James L. Maxwell	166 10 0	
	Rev. Hugh Ritchie	340 0 0	
	Dr. Matthew Dickson	334 0 0	
	Rev. William Campbell	250 0 0	
	Rev. Thomas Barclay	250 0 0	
	Rev. David Smith	320 0 0	
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	Payment to Mother of William C. Burns	40 0 0	
			4709 5 0
„ *Passage Money and Travelling Expenses*—			
	Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Rutherfurd, per *Orestes*	382 10 6	
	Mr. Swanson, per P. & O. Steamer	97 7 3	
	Mr. Duffus and family, homewards	220 0 0	
	Travelling Expenses of Missionaries in England on deputation work	159 19 4	
			859 17 1
„ *Outfit of New Missionaries*		...	165 0 0
„ *Widows and Orphans Fund*, extra premium for residence abroad—			
	14 Missionaries at £5, 2 at £2 10s.	...	75 0 0
„ *Home Charges*, namely:—			
	Annual Reports	145 11 0	
	Share of Synod Reports	22 14 6	
	Travelling Expenses of Presbyterian Deputies to Meetings of Committee	52 10 0	
	Rent to College Committee and Charges	13 6 9	
	Books, Advertisements, &c.	76 5 9	
	Missionary Boxes and Collecting Cards	160 1 8	
	"Children's Missionary Record"	67 19 10	
			538 9 6
„ Amoy *Mission Expenses*, namely:—			
	Salaries of 24 Native Preachers	Dls. 1825·	
	„ 11 „ Teachers	654·	
	„ 14 „ Students	476·	
	„ 7 Chapel Keepers	224·	
	Gospel Boat Expenses	382·47	
	New River Boat for Chinchew and Expenses	397.28	
	Rents, Repairs, Furnishing, &c.	400·19	
	Ko-long-su additional premises and repairs	1003·86	
	Chinchew alterations ... ... Dls. 556·80		
	„ Instalment of purchase money returned ... 556·80		
	Help towards building new chapels	310·	
	Travelling Expenses, Consular Fees, &c.	505·82	
	Medical Account	231·25	
	Carried forward ...	Dols. 6,409·87	£6347 11 7

In Account with the Treasurers.

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Balance from last account	380 2 9	
„ Balance at Credit of Kagi Building Account	100 10 0	
	480 12 9	
Less Balance at Debit of Taiwanfoo Building Account ...	325 13 3	
		154 19 6
„ *Congregational Contributions*—		
Collections	1751 3 7	
Associations	2683 2 5	
	4434 6 0	
Less sent to Treasurer of United Presbyterian Church, Edinburgh, by request of Congregational Treasurers—		
From Highbury £130 0 0		
From Forest Hill 29 17 9		
	159 17 9	
		4274 8 3
„ The Juvenile Fund	...	1470 18 4
„ *Amoy Girls' School*—		
Received from Regent Square Association	...	96 2 0
„ *Swatow Girls' School*—		
Received from a Lady Friend, per G. F. Barbour, Esq. ...	...	72 15 10
„ *British and Foreign Bible Society*—		
Special Grant on account of Rev. Wm. Duffus' translation of St. Luke's Gospel in Swatow Dialect	...	31 8 9
„ *Edinburgh Committee for Scottish Auxiliary Associations, for Salaries of*—		
Rev. Dr. Douglas	300 0 0	
Rev. W. Macgregor	367 17 6	
Rev. Geo. Smith	155 0 0	
Dr. Wm. Gauld	365 0 0	
Rev. Wm. Duffus	335 0 0	
Dr. Mat. Dickson	320 0 0	
	1842 17 6	
Less over remitted last year on account of Rev. Geo. Smith's Salary	150 0 0	
	1692 17 6	
„ Subscription to Widows' and Orphans' Fund	30 0 0	
„ Salaries of Native Evangelists	371 2 0	
„ Passage of Missionaries Home	220 0 0	
„ Outfit and Passage Money of Rev. J. Rutherfurd	132 0 0	
	2445 19 6	
„ Further Remittance received, Jan.	600 0 0	
		3045 19 6
„ *Remittances* from—		
MELBOURNE—A Thank-Offering for good seasons ...	24 10 0	
Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia, per Rev. Isaac Mackay	40 0 0	
DUNEDIN—First Church	6 0 0	
„ „ Sabbath School	30 0 0	
BRESLAU—Free Evangelical Church	2 10 0	
SCOTLAND—Free St. John's, Glasgow, Sabbath School ...	10 0 0	
Catrine Bible Class	0 11 0	
		113 11 0
Carried forward		£9260 3 2

To Amoy *Mission Expenses (continued)*:—						Dls.	Dls.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...							6,109·87	6347	11	7
Girls' School						1193·39				
Less received in Amoy					Dls.	248·05				
Torquay Box						163·35				
						411·40				
							781·99			
							7,191·86			
Balance in Treasurer's hands							368·48			
							7,560·34			
Balance from Last Account						545·72				
Donation from Dr. Douglas						210·				
Subscriptions from Stations						58·				
Sale of Mission Property						13·				
							821·72			
							6838·62	or 1383	0	0
„ Swatow *Mission Expenses*, namely:—										
Salaries—6 Preachers, 9 Students, 3 Teachers, 14 Chapel Keepers, Bible-Women and Boatmen							1707·18			
Towards Building Leper Hospital							495·12			
„ „ General „							495·12			
Purchase of Ground and Building at Chiah-na, Toa-una, and Pang-Khan							503·29			
Rents, Repairs, and General Expenses							519·79			
Travelling Expenses							404.59			
Books and Printing, and Students' House							221·92			
Girls' School, Net Cost							342·32			
Boys' „ „							600·73			
Building and Furnishing Boys' School							552·32			
Balance in Treasurer's hands							477·11			
							6319·49			
Balance from Last Account						340·07				
Nine Months' rent of House						360·				
Native Contributions after paying Expenses at Stations						118·53				
Other Local Contributions						30·				
From St. Andrew's, Dunedin						21·				
Sundry Receipts						50·61				
							920·21			
							5399·28	or 1098	14	4
„ Publishing St. Luke's Gospel in Swatow Dialect, per Rev. W. Duffus								34	17	8
„ Formosa *Mission*:—										
Salaries—24 Evangelists, 1 Colporteur, 11 Students, 11 Teachers, 11 Chapel Keepers, &c.							Dols. 3675·			
Buildings—Baksa						Dols. 734·80				
Other Chapels						344·				
							1078·80			
Purchases at Kagi						736·				
Baksa						53·				
							789·			
Repairs—3 Mission Houses, 12 Chapels							805·68			
Travelling Expenses—Missionaries and Evangelists ...							1420·10			
Books bought for re-sale							165·95			
Hospital Expenses							169·94			
College „							150·62			
Sundries							157·85			
Balance in hands of Treasurer							201·62			
							8614·56			
„ Balance from Last Account:—										
Taiwanfoo ... ... Dols. 612·71										
Takao ... ... 168·44										
						Dols. 781·16				
„ Medicine sold						295·65				
Carried forward						Dls. 1076·81	Dls. 8614·56	£8864	3	2

				£ s. d.
	Brought forward ...	...	...	9260 3 2
By *Thanksgiving Fund*—				
Amount specially voted by Committee of Distribution	...	500 0 0		
Sums specially designated—				
LIVERPOOL—				
Samuel Smith, Esq., Princes Park	... ...	75 0 0		
R. M., Claughton	... ...	10 0 0		
A Friend, Claughton ...	... ...	5 0 0		
D. Scott, Esq., Grange Road ...	... ...	25 0 0		
W. Brown, Esq., Shaw Street ...	... ...	2 10 0		
Misses Robinson, Canning Street	... ...	40 0 0		
Thomas Thomson, Esq., Everton Valley	... ...	5 0 0		
Rev. J. Fraser, Hamilton Church	... ...	0 5 0		
NEWCASTLE—				
W. J. Morrison, Esq., John Knox	... ...	0 10 0		
T. A. Porteous, Esq., „ „	... ...	0 10 0		
G. S. Thomson, Esq., „ „	... ...	0 10 0		
Misses Hogg, Blackett Street...	... ...	10 10 0		
LONDON—				
Jaspar Young, Esq., Clapham ...	... ...	10 0 0		
Rev. A. Macdonald Halket	... ...	5 0 0		
Mrs. Sarah Gee	... ...	5 0 0		
				694 15 0
„ *Legacy* received from Exors. of the late Stephen Thompson, Esq.		2000 0 0		
Less Legacy Duty	... ...	200 0 0		
				1800 0 0
„ *Donations*—				
A. M., Berwick	... ...	25 0 0		
Mrs. Thomas Bell, Liverpool	... ...	24 0 0		
„ „ „	... ...	25 0 0		
Geo. S. Brodie, Esq.	... ...	25 0 0		
Rev. Jos. Burns	... ...	10 0 0		
J. B.	... ...	5 0 0		
Robert Blair, Esq.	... ...	5 0 0		
Mr. Buller, Croydon	... ...	5 0 0		
N. B. E. Baillie, Esq.	... ...	1 1 0		
Capt. Bell ...	... ...	1 0 0		
The late Miss Mary Blythe's Mission Basket	... ...	0 14 0		
Mrs. Brewer, Bristol	... ...	0 10 0		
John Cunliffe, Esq.	... ...	100 0 0		
„ „ for Amoy Training College	... ...	25 0 0		
Canadian Coupon	... ...	25 0 0		
Mrs. Craig ...	... ...	5 0 0		
C. S. F. ...	... ...	4 4 0		
Mrs. Caley ...	... ...	1 1 0		
Miss Charlesworth	... ...	1 1 0		
D. A. J. ...	... ...	3 0 0		
Jas. A. Davison, Esq.	... ...	1 0 0		
A Friend ...	... ...	100 0 0		
Ditto	... ...	5 0 0		
Ditto	... ...	0 10 0		
Friends in Sunderland, per Miss Miller	... ...	9 5 0		
Mrs. Fernie ...	... ...	50 0 0		
John Fair, Esq.	... ...	5 5 0		
Miss Gairdner ...	... ...	5 0 0		
L. Gibson, Esq., Two Donations...	... ...	6 6 0		
Mrs. Innes	... ...	10 0 0		
In Memoriam, J. W. B.	... ...	5 0 0		
David Jardine, Esq.	... ...	100 0 0		
William Kidney, Esq.	... ...	5 0 0		
C. J. Kerr, Esq.	... ...	1 1 0		
James E. Mathieson, Esq.	... ...	50 0 0		
Miss Matheson	... ...	6 0 0		
M. M. M. ...	... ...	5 0 0		
J. MacAndrew, Esq.	... ...	5 0 0		
Mrs. Mackray, a Thank-Offering	... ...	5 0 0		
Mrs. Macdonald	... ...	2 0 0		
Lady Macdonald	... ...	1 0 0		
Rev. W. Magill	... ...	1 0 0		
Mrs. McIntosh	... ...	1 1 0		
	Carried forward ...	£670 19 0		£11754 18 2

To FORMOSA *Mission Expenses (continued)* :—	Dls.	Dls.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	1076·81	8614·56	8864	3	2
„ Native Contributions	264·53				
„ Dr. Williamson, for Colporteur	60·				
„ Books sold	46·70				
„ Old Kagi Chapel sold	28·50				
		1476·54			
		7138·02			
		or			
		£1508 0 0			
„ Medicines sent from England		68 9 2	1576	9	2
			£10440	12	4
„ Balance in Treasurers' hands*		...	2577	18	1
			£13018	10	5

Examined and found correct,

ARCHIBALD MACNICOLL, } *Auditors.*
ROBERT WALES, }

* NOTE.—This Balance includes Legacy of £1800 and Thanksgiving Fund Contributions. Special Expenditure may absorb these Special Gifts.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	670	19	0	11,754	18	2
By *Donations (continued)*:—						
Per Dr. J. L. Maxwell—						
S. C., Sunday School 1 0 0						
Miss Hodgson 0 10 0						
„ Goodall 0 10 6						
„ Abbott 0 6 0						
„ Brown 0 5 0						
J. McG. 0 10 0						
Pensarn Young Ladies' Class, per Miss Dalton . 1 11 6						
	4	13	0			
Benjamin Nicholson, Esq.	10	0	0			
G. E. Philips, Esq.	1	0	0			
J. G. Van Rijn, Esq.	2	0	0			
Mrs. Rylands	2	0	0			
R. R.	100	0	0			
Reginald Radcliffe, Esq.	1	0	0			
Thomas Stone, Esq.	120	0	0			
Rev. George Smith	150	0	0			
G. E. Sloper, Esq.	10	0	0			
Misses Smith	5	0	0			
Mrs. Grosvenor Stopford	3	3	0			
Peter Strutt, Esq.	1	0	0			
Per James Smith	0	11	6			
James Wallace, Esq.	5	5	0			
Mrs. & Misses Waterhouse	5	0	0			
Miss M. Whitfield	1	0	0			
„ A. Whitfield	1	0	0			
				1093	11	6
„ *Exeter Hall Meeting*—						
Collected at Meeting	55	6	1			
Less Expenses, Advertising, &c.	53	2	10			
				2	3	3
„ *Dividends*—						
On £3000 Midland Railway 4 per Cent. Debentures ...	120	0	0			
„ £1000 India 5 per Cent. Stock	50	0	0			
	170	0	0			
Less Income Tax 3d. per £	2	2	6			
				167	17	6
				£13,018	10	5

London, 28th February, 1878.

JAMES E. MATHIESON,
JOHN BELL, } *Treasurers.*

Foreign Missions (India).—In Account with the Treasurers

Dr. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.
To Salary—			
Dr. Morison on account ...	66	13	4
„ Outfit—			
Dr. Morison for Medical Outfit	120	0	0
„ Travelling Expenses—			
Dr. Morison, Passage Money, &c., to Calcutta, reduced by kindness of W. Mackinnon, Esq.	45	7	7
„ Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., remitted to them for current Expenses in India	300	0	0
	532	0	11

	£	s.	d.
By Balance from last Account ...	145	13	7
„ Congregational Associations—			
Grosvenor Square, Manchester	10	0	0
Regent Square, London ...	52	1	9
Belgrave, London	2	2	0
„ Sunday Schools—			
Newcastle—"John Knox" ...	1	0	0
„ Friars Mission ...	2	14	0
„ Barras Bridge ...	5	5	0
Liverpool—Princes Road ...	3	2	0
„ Donations—			
Robert Blair, Esq.	5	0	0
Geo. S. Brodie, Esq.	20	0	0
James E. Mathieson, Esq. ...	20	0	0
Thomas Matheson, Esq. ...	10	0	0
James Wallace, Esq.	1	1	0
Masters Charles S. and Harold King Patterson	1	0	0
„ By Balance due to Treasurers	253	1	7
	£532	0	11

Examined and found correct, E. & O. E. London, 28th February, 1878.

ARCHIBALD MACNICOLL, ROBERT WALES, } *Auditors.*

JAMES E. MATHIESON, JOHN BELL, } *Treasurers.*

REPORT OF THE COLLEGE COMMITTEE,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

The College Committee has the honour to report to your Venerable House as follows, respecting the various matters entrusted to its care.

I. The Session.

1. *Students.*—Twenty-five students in all have been in attendance during the Session of 1877-78, distributed as under :—

First Year.	Second Year.	Third Year.
Mr. Eades,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Crowe,
Mr. Fairbairn, M.A.,	Mr. Henry.	Mr. Lewis, B.A.,*
Mr. Hall,		Mr. Matheson, B.A.,
Mr. Hardie,		Mr. Molyneux, B.A., LL.B.,
Mr. Henson, B.A.,		Mr. Paterson,
Mr. Jeffrey,		Mr. G. Smith,
Mr. Jehlen,		Mr. J. Smith,
Mr. Mole,		Mr. Thorp,
Mr. Robinson, B.Sc. (Paris).		Don Enrique Tienda (extra).
Mr. Slade,		
Mr. Thompson,		
Mr. Weatherstone,		
Mr. Whitmore,		
Mr. Caplin (extra).		

With the exception of the two gentlemen marked "extra," these students all contemplate taking licence as preachers in the Presbyterian Church of England. It will be observed, therefore, that eight students are now completing their course, and as another who was attending the United Presbyterian Hall has likewise finished his studies,† nine in all are entering upon active service in the Ministry of the Church. The greater part of these gentlemen will probably have received licence by the time this Report is laid upon your table. Most of them have passed through College with credit, some of them with distinction; and it is the hope of your Committee that with as little delay as possible posts of permanent usefulness may be found for all of them within our borders. The Church having thus at its disposal an

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* Mr. Martin Lewis, B.A., has recently been elected a Fellow of University College, London.

† Mr. John Robertson Howat, M.A., son of the Rev. Mr. Howat, of Queen's Road Church, Liverpool.

ample supply of preachers of its own training, it seems very desirable that Moderators of vacant charges and the Church Extension Committees of our various Presbyteries should seek to avail themselves of their services as far as practicable.

2. *The Entrance Examination* at the opening of last Session was in the main most satisfactory to the Examiners; eleven students passed, four of them with honours. This is the largest number yet admitted in any single year; and were such a rate steadily maintained, the Church would probably receive an accession of preachers equal to her ordinary requirements. Experience shows, however, that the influx of students to such a Hall as ours is liable to continual fluctuation.

3. *Scholarships.*—There were nine candidates for four vacant scholarships open to undergraduates, in October last. The competition was severe; and the papers justified very favourable anticipations for our future supply of theological students. No fewer than nine or ten theological scholarships were at the disposal of your Committee, and were awarded after a series of careful examinations, conducted (as is always the case) by written papers. The following is a list of the Scholarships awarded:—

I. Undergraduate.

Hamilton	Mr. D. S. MacColl, London.
Robertson	Mr. James Peddie, Manchester.
Anderson	Mr. J. T. Middlemiss, Morpeth.
McKerrow	Mr. Samuel Holmes, Manchester.

II. Theological.

First Year.

Leslie	Mr. F. B. Whitmore.
Newcastle	Mr. W. D. Fairbairn, M.A.
Muter	Mr. W. R. Thompson.
1st Ordinary	Mr. Alexander Jeffrey.
2nd Ordinary	Mr. Henry Slade.
3rd Ordinary	Mr. Robinson.

Second Year.

No Scholarship awarded, the only candidate having failed to reach the required standard.

Third Year.

Muter	Mr. Martin Lewis, B.A.
Ordinary	Mr. James Smith.

Gillespie and Crichton.

Gillespie	Mr. George Henry.
Crichton	Mr. D. Matheson, B.A.

The Muter of the 2nd year, £30, was divided into four prizes, two of £10 and two of £5, to be gained by competition in the several classes.

4. *Barbour Chair.*—Last Synod laid upon your Committee the duty of making temporary arrangements for the teaching of both the subjects attached to this vacant Chair—Apologetics and Pastoral Theology. The

former subject was accordingly distributed among four brethren, each of whom has delivered about twelve lectures, as under—

1.—The Theistical Argument and Pantheism. Rev. W. Dinwiddie, LL.B.

2.—Materialism and Secularism. Rev. H. S. Paterson, M.D.

3.—Evidence from Prophecy and Miracles. Rev. Walter Morison, D.D.

4.—Internal Evidence. Rev. John Thompson, M.A.

The course of Pastoral Theology has been divided between two other lecturers, each of them undertaking an equal number of hours of instruction, viz. :—

1.—Homiletics. Rev. J. Oswald Dykes, D.D.

2.—Pastoral Work. Rev. R. S. Drummond, D.D.

Your Committee feel that the thanks of the Church are due to these gentlemen, and they have deemed it right to divide amongst them the proceeds of the Barbour Endowment in equal portions in acknowledgment of their services. There is reason to believe that the arrangement which your Committee was thus enabled to make has proved a satisfactory one. It is right to add that the lectures on Homiletics and Pastoral Work have been listened to by all the students in the College; so that this portion of the course will not need to be repeated for two years to come.

5. *Resident Professor's Report.*—Your Committee have pleasure in transmitting the following Report laid before it by Prof. Gibb, which it believes will be considered exceedingly satisfactory :—

"I have to report to the College Committee that the Session now drawing to a close has been a satisfactory term. As the Committee is already aware, a larger number of students enrolled themselves last October than in any previous year in the history of our College. This was an encouraging beginning, and the experience of the Session has shown that those who then entered the College were earnestly desirous of devoting themselves to the work they had undertaken.

"Fifteen students have resided within the College during the Session. Some others, who desired to live inside, but whom we could not receive owing to our limited space, had to take rooms outside. With regard to those in residence, and therefore under my immediate care, I have to report that they observed all the house regulations well, and that the utmost harmony and good feeling has prevailed in our household.

"Although it does not exactly fall within the scope of my Report, I may mention that the Theological Society, which was established some years ago among the students, has been in vigorous life this Session. The Mission in Drury Lane in connection with Mr. Whitmore's Church has also prospered, and there is reason to believe that some real success has attended this effort of the students to bring the Gospel to the dwellers in one of the poorest districts in London."

6. *The House.*—During the course of last summer the ground floor of the College Hall in Guildford Street, London, which had been left untouched during the extensive alterations of the preceding year, was painted and papered, and put into a proper state of repair. The expense

of this operation will be found charged to current revenue. But your Committee did not judge it advisable to add to the already heavy outlay for building and furnishing accounts by proceeding for the present with the erection of a new dining-room as was at first proposed. Should it be hereafter resolved to add to the existing accommodation, which is undoubtedly too limited, it may become a question whether such addition ought to take the shape of a common hall, or of bedrooms, or of both. For the present, however, your Committee believe that the public rooms in the College may be made to answer its requirements, provided they are not too frequently withdrawn from the use of students during the Session by being employed as committee-rooms, or for other general purposes.

7. *The Library.*—Less progress has been made than was expected with the task of reducing the College Library to a proper state, owing to the delay which has arisen in the preparation of a permanent catalogue. This heavy piece of work, which was kindly undertaken by the Rev. John Reid, M.A., of Gosforth, has been in his hands for some time, and he has now been able to report the completion of it. A good deal of work has still to be done in the way of arranging, press-marking, &c., before the catalogue can be made fully available, or the Library can be reported as in a satisfactory condition. But this important undertaking will now be pressed forward with the least possible delay.

8. *Lectures to Young Men.*—The usual spring course this year was delivered during the month of April by the Rev. Principal Rainy, D.D., of the New College, Edinburgh, on the subject of the "Bible and Criticism." From the reputation of the lecturer (to whom the best thanks of your Committee and of the Church are due), as well as from the present interest of the topic discussed, these lectures naturally attracted a good deal of attention, and will probably prove to be of more than passing interest. As in previous seasons, the main burden of arranging for this interesting and valuable lectureship, as well as procuring the requisite funds for its maintenance, has been willingly undertaken by one gentleman, Mr. J. M. Leitch, to whom the Church is therefore under special obligation.

Your Committee is happy to announce that at its request the Rev. Dr. Grosart, of Blackburn, has consented to deliver the lectures next year on "Representative Nonconformists, with the Messages for To-day of their Life-Work."

II.—Finance.

With regard to Finance, the Treasurer has the satisfaction of closing his account with a larger balance than that in hand at the commencement of the year; but the facts remain that not only is the amount produced by congregational collections and associations less than last year by £50, but the number of congregations contributing is less by nine than in the year 1876.

It cannot but be admitted that this is not satisfactory, and at the same time it must be recollected that the rent of the College at the increased rate of £250 a-year commences in June next.

The sum of £1058 has been received from the Union Thanksgiving Fund, and handed over to the Treasurer of the College Trustees, in part repayment of the principal sum used in improvements and additions to the College premises.

III.—Proposed Grammar School.

Your Committee early in the year referred to a Sub-Committee, of which Gainsford Bruce, Esq., Recorder of Bradford, was Chairman, the important subject of a proposed public school for the education of the sons of our Presbyterian people. It received the following valuable and careful Report, which it conceives it best to lay before the Synod, with an expression of the Committee's entire concurrence in the suggestions which it contains:—

"The Convener reported to the Sub-Committee that the documents handed to him by the Rev. Professor Lorimer, D.D., the late Convener, had been examined by him, and that they afforded valuable information respecting the endowed grammar schools established throughout the country, and respecting various other schools, such as Wesley College, Sheffield, Cheshunt College, and Mill Hill School, Nonconformist schools carried on in connection with the Wesleyan and Congregational bodies.

"The first question considered by the Sub-Committee was whether it was desirable to endeavour to make arrangements by which some existing school might be made to serve the purpose in view. It was among other things considered whether it might not be possible to establish a boarding-house in connection with the School of St. Peter at Westminster, the old school of Richard Bagster and Philip Henry, so that the scholars in the House might have the benefit of sound religious training, and at the same time enjoy the advantage of a great and famous foundation. But after deliberation the Sub-Committee came to the unanimous conclusion that no plan of this nature would answer the end to be obtained, and it was, moreover, considered to be exceedingly doubtful whether it would be possible to make any such arrangement at Westminster as proposed.

"The Sub-Committee resolved that it was desirable to establish a school that should be distinctively Presbyterian, and that should be carried on in connection with the Presbyterian Church of England. It was deemed of vital importance to the Church to provide a school where boys may be educated in sympathy with the principles and practices of the Church, where an education for heart and mind of the highest character should of course be given, but where, at the same time, one of the great lessons to be taught should be love and reverence for the traditions of Presbyterian England. None of the Reformed Churches has a nobler history than the history which our Church may fairly claim as its inheritance. And it is in boyhood that great traditions and noble associations exercise an influence which is felt throughout the life of the man.

"It seemed to the Sub-Committee that for want of such a school as is proposed, many of the sons of the Members of our Church are allowed to grow up without any attachment to the Church, ill-informed of its history and indifferent to its principles, so that when they become exposed to other influences they have no lasting bond of sympathy to hold them to the Church of their fathers, and are in danger of falling away from it.

"Moreover, urgent need of a larger supply of fit candidates for the Ministry seemed to the Sub-Committee another important reason in favour of the

establishment of the proposed new school. The preparatory training necessary to fit candidates for the College is often a difficulty in the way of boys of promise, and parents are frequently at a loss to know where they can be quite sure of securing for their sons at a moderate cost the education that is required.

"Although the proposed school would not be in any sense an eleemosynary institution, yet it would provide education at as low a rate as would be remunerative, and scholarships would probably be established in connection with it, so that it would be found to afford valuable assistance to parents who intend their sons for the Ministry. The school, if efficient, would be recognised by the University of London as an affiliated institution, and so the boys who had passed the school would be enabled, on passing the necessary examination, to take a degree in arts at that University.

"Thus to establish the school would be to open out a road leading direct to the very door of the College, and by such means many English boys of talent may, no doubt, be led to the Ministry who otherwise would not be likely to find their way there.

"Some scheme in connection with the school might be devised for affording to the Ministers of the Church special facilities for the education of their sons.

"The Sub-Committee deemed it not beyond the scope of their duties to consider by what means the project could best be carried out. All the Members were of opinion that it was not desirable that the Church should directly undertake the responsibility of the proposed new school. It appeared to them that the school, if properly managed, would be self-supporting, and that it could best be established and carried on as a business concern, and that the Church in its corporate capacity should be asked to give nothing more than its recommendation and sympathy.

"The Sub-Committee believed that if a Company with limited liability were formed for the purpose of founding and carrying on the new school, that there would be found a sufficient number of persons interested in the welfare of the Church to subscribe the necessary capital, and that those who did so would receive a fair return for their money.

"With a view of forming some general idea of the money likely to be required, the Sub-Committee endeavoured to make an estimate (necessarily rough and imperfect) of the necessary expenses.

"It seemed to them that a house with sufficient accommodation for 50 boys might be obtained on lease within twenty miles of London at a rent of about £250, and that a sum of £300 would cover the annual expenditure for rent and taxes. A competent Head-Master might, it was thought, be secured at a fixed salary of £500, with an interest in the school-fees if they exceeded a fixed limit. £150 and £80 were considered sufficient sums for the salary of an Assistant-Master and an Under-Master, and £270 was the sum set down for servants' wages and contingent expenses. Thus it was estimated that the actual working expenses of the establishment, so far as the house and staff are concerned, would not exceed £1300 a-year. £1000, it was thought, would suffice for providing the necessary furniture, which, of course, need not be of an expensive character. Some other expenses would, no doubt, have to be incurred, and it would be necessary to have some working capital for household expenses, and all the estimates above stated would require to be very carefully revised before they were acted upon; but still, making all the allowances which due caution may render necessary, it seemed to the Sub-Committee that, considering the importance of the object, it could be efficiently carried out at a comparatively small outlay.

"If the scheme were to meet with the approval and sympathy of the Church, probably in every congregation throughout the country persons would be

found willing to embark at least the value of a £10 share in the School Company.

"Of course it would be necessary to establish a permanent connection between the Church and the School. That could be accomplished by providing in the Articles of Association that the Professors of the College, or other persons nominated by the Synod or by the College Committee, should be visitors of the School, and should have the right to be present at all meetings of the directors.

"It should be stated that it was considered desirable that the school should be a boarding-school only, and that it should be situated in the country at a distance not exceeding twenty miles from London."

IV.—Presbyterial Examinations.

Your Committee was instructed by last Synod to prepare a scheme for the uniform examination of students by Presbyteries during the two summer vacations—that between Sessions First and Second, and that between the Second and Third. Considerable attention has therefore been bestowed on the subject, with a view to secure substantial uniformity of practice, as well as to attain the best results from such examinations, while respecting the independence of Presbyteries, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, imposing no excessive burdens upon students during their vacation. They recommend as follows:—

That Presbyteries be recommended to confine their examination on such subjects as are treated in the College Course, to general questions on the work of the College Classes during the preceding Session; and beyond this to give special attention to such matters as Bible knowledge, Standards of the Church, and personal religion. That it be further recommended that each student should during his College Course deliver at least two popular discourses in the presence of the Presbytery.

V.—Undergraduate Students.

The attention of your Committee has been called to the extremely slight relations which have hitherto obtained between the Church and those students who, during their undergraduate curriculum, are preparing themselves for entering her Ministry. In the case of other Nonconformist Churches in England, where previous training at a University is not ordinarily required from students in Theology, the principal undergraduate branches are taught in the same College in which Theology is studied, and the student is from the very outset of his course regarded as in strict sense a student for the Ministry. Our system being different, it is less easy to establish any close ties with young men who, though they probably design to enter the Hall, are in the meanwhile simply undergraduates at one or other of the Universities. Some of them indeed may not yet have quite made up their minds, or, if they have, may not wish formally to commit themselves. In the case, however, of such as h old undergraduate scholarships this difficulty does not apply. From them we exact an undertaking that they will continue their studies at our own Divinity Hall; and it seems reasonable as well as desirable that they at least should be in some way recognised by the authorities of the Church as its prospective students. Your Committee would therefore recom-

mend to your Venerable Court that undergraduate students of this Church who contemplate the Holy Ministry be invited to place themselves under the care of the Presbytery within whose bounds they reside, and also to report their names and addresses to the Secretary of the College Committee; further, that no student who does not comply with this invitation be eligible to hold any undergraduate scholarship or bursary in connection with the Presbyterian Church of England.

VI.—Handbook for Students.

It is believed that considerable difficulty is often experienced, especially in remote parts of the kingdom, by young men whose hearts lie towards the Ministry, and even by their friends or pastors, in obtaining such information respecting the Universities, their examinations, curriculum, expenses, and scholarships, as would enable the intending student to judge whether it lay within his power to avail himself of academic instruction, or at what College he might with most advantage enter himself. With a view to afford such information in the most accessible form, it is proposed, with the sanction of the Synod, to prepare and publish a cheap handy manual; to contain, besides all particulars respecting our own College and its curriculum, what is most needful to be known by intending students regarding the arrangements in force at the Universities of the three kingdoms. Of course such a guide would be liable in course of time to become inaccurate as changes occurred in University regulations. But it is believed that changes are not frequently introduced in such particulars as would possess the greatest consequence for the end in view; so that, if once compiled with care and accuracy, it would probably need no serious revision for a good many years.

In conclusion, your Committee would only further commend the interests of the College to a warm place in the prayers and sympathies of the whole Church. The future welfare of the Presbyterian Church of England is bound up with her possession of a Ministry which shall be at once learned, laborious, and devout. Such a Ministry can be obtained by no Church unless some of the best of her sons dedicate themselves to her service; unless pains be taken at all costs to train them in the theological sciences and in the questions of their age; unless, above all, it shall please God to fill them with His Holy Spirit, and to anoint them for their sacred work.

J. OSWALD DYKES,
Convener.

REPORT OF THE COLLEGE TRUSTEES,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

The Trustees have to report that to meet the cost of alterations to the College premises, they last year sold out 100 Imperial Bank Shares and £200 Victoria Railway Loan, producing together the sum of £1887.

Up to the present time, the amount of the capital of the Trustees expended in alterations, fittings, &c., is £4908, of which £1058 having been recouped by the receipts from the Union Thanksgiving Fund, there remains £3850. It is hoped that at least the major part of this may be crossed out by further receipts from that Fund. Of the amount thus received, £999 4s. 3d. was applied to the purchase of £940 4 per Cent. Great Western Debenture Stock; the investments now standing thus:—In the names of—

John Johnstone,
Charles Graham Scott,
William Ballantyne,

31 Shares in the Oriental Bank Corporation;
52 Shares in the Imperial Bank;
26 Shares in the London Joint-Stock Bank;
53 Shares in the Union Bank of London;
£4000 London and North-Western Railway £4 per Cent. Debenture Stock;
£3600 Great Western Railway £5 per Cent. Debenture Stock;
£940 Great Western Railway £4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

And in the names of—

John Johnstone,
Hugh Mackay Matheson,
Charles Edward Lewis,

£1200 London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway £4½ per Cent. Debenture Stock;
£1000 Great Northern Railway £4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
Convener.

COLLEGE

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER,

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
1878. March 25th.			
To Professor Lorimer's Salary	500	0	0
,, Professor Chalmers' ,, ...	500	0	0
,, Professor Gibb's ,, ...	400	0	0
,, Proportion of General Expenses of Synod, to Synod Treasurer ...	17	12	0
,, Proportion of Travelling Expenses of Provincial Members of Committees	37	10	0
,, Expenses of College Examination Board	17	10	0
,, Printing and Advertising £39 13 7			
Less repaid from another source 3 13 2			
	36	0	5
,, Ground Rent, One Year...	24	13	8
,, Rates and Taxes	85	5	6
,, Coals, Gas, and Water	104	0	8
,, Fire Insurance	3	2	6
,, Janitor's Wages and House and Garden Expenses	144	11	2
,, Books and Periodicals	70	8	3
,, College Trustees, amount received from Thanksgiving Fund ...	1058	0	0
,, The Six Temporary Occupants of the Barbour Chair :— ...			
Rev. J. Thompson			
Rev. Dr. Dykes			
Rev. Dr. Drummond	493	15	0
Rev. Dr. Paterson			
Rev. Dr. Morison			
Rev. W. Dinwiddie			
,, Law Costs of New Lease, &c., &c.	44	18	2
,, Sundries	9	14	9
,, Balance in hands of Treasurer at Bank	197	6	11
	£3744	9	0

Examined the original account of which this is an abstract with the original vouchers, and found correct,

April, 1878. J. MUIR LEITCH, *Auditor.*

FUND,

CHARLES E. LEWIS, ESQ., M.P.

Cr.

										£	s.	d.
By	Balance in Treasurer's hands at foot of last Account							...	...	164	3	2
,,	Receipts from College Trustees	...	...	...				...	...	950	0	0
,,	Collections made in the Presbyteries of :—											
	Berwick	...	...	...	...	...	£14	6	4			
	Birmingham	...	...	...	...	...	10	12	6			
	Bristol	...	...	...	...	...	36	3	9			
	Carlisle	...	...	...	...	...	9	3	10			
	Darlington	...	...	...	..	...	29	1	0			
	Liverpool	...	...	...	...	...	80	1	9			
	London	...	...	...	...	...	416	1	9			
	Manchester	...	...	...	...	...	86	10	6			
	Newcastle-on-Tyne	...	...	...	...		54	9	7			
	Northumberland	...	..	...	...		23	6	10			
										759	17	10
,,	Fees from Students (part of last Session also)							...	...	94	2	0
,,	Donation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
,,	Rent of Stables, five quarters			...	...	...		...	...	75	0	0
,,	Rent of London Presbytery and Standing Committees							...	...	105	0	0
,,	Sale of Old Books from Library		...	...	...			...	...	42	11	0
,,	Cash of Union Thanksgiving Fund	...	...	...				...	...	1058	0	0
,,	Dividend on Endowment of Barbour Chair	...	...					...	...	493	15	0
										£3744	9	0

CHARLES E. LEWIS, *Treasurer.*

COLLEGE

Dr. IN ACCOUNT WITH

1877.		£	s.	d.
March 31.	To 227, Strand—paid Mrs. Brownley, Moiety of One Year's Rent, less Property Tax	148	2	6
,,	,, College Committee, paid C. E. Lewis, Esq., on account	1250	0	0
,,	,, College Alterations, paid Hulett and Co.	252	19	6
,,	,, Ditto ,, Tarn and Co.	103	10	4
,,	,, Ditto ,, J. Axford	112	3	7
,,	,, Ditto ,, Johnstone, Jeanes, and Co.	1225	0	0
,,	,, Ditto ,, Banner and Co.	250	0	0
,,	,, Ditto ,, R. J. Woodcock	46	16	8
,,	,, Investments—			
	Purchase of £940 4 per cent. Great Western Debenture Stock @ 105⅝ £992 17 6			
	Stamp 1 7 6			
	Broker's Commission... ... ... 4 19 3			
		999	4	3
,,	,, Rev. William Ballantyne, Secretary	10	0	0
,,	,, Balance in hand forward	269	2	2
		£4666	19	0

J. MUIR LEITCH, *Auditor.*

TRUST,

THE TREASURER. *Cr.*

1877.					£	s.	d.
March 31.	By Balance in hand			... ...	648	17	8
,,	,, Three Half Years' Dividend on £200 Victoria Railway Loan			... ...	17	16	0
,,	,, 227, Strand—One Year's Rent to Christmas, 1877	£300	0	0			
	Less Property Tax	3	15	0			
					296	5	0
,,	,, 100 Imperial Bank Shares, sold @ 116¾ ...	1675	0	0			
	Less Broker's Commission ...	10	0	0			
					1665	0	0
,,	,, Oriental Bank Corporation—One Year's Dividend, less Property Tax			... ...	77	10	0
,,	,, Imperial Bank—One Year's Dividend on 52 Shares, less Property Tax			... ...	46	16	0
,,	,, London Joint-Stock Bank—One Year's Dividend on 26 Shares, less Property Tax ...			... ...	64	7	0
,,	,, Union Bank—One Year's Dividend on 53 Shares, less Property Tax			... ...	123	4	6
,,	,, London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway—One Year's Interest on £1200 4½ per cent. Debenture Stock			.. ...	53	6	6
,,	,, London and North-Western Railway—One Year's Interest on £4000 4 per cent. Debenture Stock...			... ...	158	0	0
,,	,, Great Northern Railway—One Year's Interest on £1000 4 per cent. Debenture Stock ...			... ...	39	10	0
,,	,, Great Western Railway—One Year's Interest on £3600 5 per cent. Debenture Stock ...			... ...	177	15	0
,,	,, Proceeds of £200 Victoria Railway Loan, sold @ 111¼	222	10	0			
	Less Broker's Commission	0	10	0			
					222	0	0
,,	,, Thanksgiving Fund, per C. E. Lewis, Esq. ...			... ..	1000	0	0
,,	,, Ditto ,, ,, ,, ...			... ...	58	0	0
,,	,, Great Western Railway—Half Year's Interest on £940 4 per cent. Debenture Stock ...			... ...	18	11	4
					£4666	19	0

JOHN JOHNSTONE, *Treasurer.*

THE THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS'

IN ACCOUNT WITH H. M.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Paid following Scholarships, viz.:—						
Mr. Alex. Jeffrey	15	0	0			
,, H. P. Slade	15	0	0			
,, W. Robinson	15	0	0			
,, James Smith	20	0	0			
Newcastle Scholarship—						
Mr. W. D. Fairbairn	25	0	0			
Leslie Scholarship—						
Mr. F. Whitmore	50	0	0			
				140	0	0
,, Proportion of Advertising and Expenses of Examinations for Scholarships (for particulars see General Fund of Scholarships Account, pages 66-67)				10	3	10
,, To Balance carried to next Account				18	7	8
				£168	11	6

Audited and found correct.

J. MUIR LEITCH.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND,

MATHESON, TREASURER, 1877-8.

Cr.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Balance brought from last Account		23 10 6
Newcastle—		
By Leslie Scholarship, from Mr. A. Leslie	50 0 0	
,, Newcastle Presbytery Scholarship, per Mr. T. Y. Strachan	25 0 0	
		75 0 0
Manchester—		
Per Rev. John Reid, Salford—		
Mr. J. A. Beith	5 0 0	
,, J. C. Edgar	1 0 0	
,, J. Halliday	2 0 0	
,, A. Fraser	5 0 0	
,, H. L. McInnes	1 0 0	
,, W. McFerran	2 0 0	
,, D. McGill	2 0 0	
,, Jas. Robb	2 0 0	
	20 0 0	
Per Mr. P. Jamieson—		
Mr. W. A. Cunningham	2 0 0	
,, W. Hood	1 1 0	
Friends	2 0 0	
		25 1 0
London—		
For Regent Square Scholarship, per Mr. James Hamilton—		
Mr. Thomas Bell	1 1 0	
,, J. N. Boyd	1 0 0	
,, Robert Fletcher	3 3 0	
,, Afflk. Fraser	1 0 0	
A. H. J.	2 2 0	
Mr. Jas. Laurie	2 2 0	
,, J. Muir Leitch	1 0 0	
,, Jas. Macdonald	1 0 0	
,, A. N. MacNicoll	1 0 0	
Mrs. Partridge	1 0 0	
Mr. J. A. Swanston	1 1 0	
,, T. D. Thomson	0 10 0	
,, R. T. Turnbull	1 0 0	
,, A. Wark	1 0 0	
,, Jas. White	1 0 0	
,, Jas. Hamilton	1 1 0	
		20 0 0
Two Friends, per Rev. J. O. Dykes, D.D.	... ...	10 0 0
Mr. A. Wark ,, ,, ...	... ...	5 0 0
,, H. M. Matheson	... ...	10 0 0
		£168 11 6
By Balance in hands of Treasurer	... ...	18 7 8

E. & O. E. LONDON, *20th March*, 1878.

H. M. MATHESON.

GENERAL FUND OF SCHOLARSHIPS,

IN ACCOUNT WITH H. M.

Dr.

			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Paid Holders of Scholarships, as under, viz. :—				
Hamilton—				
Mr. D. S. MacColl			40 0 0	
Robertson—				
Mr. J. Peddie			30 0 0	
Anderson				
Mr. J. T. Middlemiss			30 0 0	
Gillespie—				
Mr. G. Henry			50 0 0	
Crichton—				
Mr. D. Matheson, Jun.			30 0 0	
Muter—				
First year, Mr. W. R. Thompson	£30 0 0			
Third year, Mr. Martin Lewis	30 0 0			
			60 0 0	
McKerrow—				
Mr. Samuel Holmes			16 0 0	
				256 0 0
McKerrow Scholarship—				
To paid Mr. A. Fraser, Manchester, amount advanced by him on account of Land rents purchased as an Investment			48 0 0	
,, Paid Mr. A. Fraser, balance of the Investment			452 0 0	
				500 0 0
Expenses—				
,, Paid Advertising, as under, viz. :—				
In *Edinburgh Daily Review*			3 7 0	
,, ,, *Weekly Scotsman*			2 3 6	
,, *Glasgow Daily Mail*			3 6 0	
,, *Aberdeen Free Press*			3 4 0	
,, *Liverpool Mercury*			3 0 0	
,, ,, *Albion*			2 2 0	
,, *Newcastle Chronicle*			1 10 0	
,, *Weekly Review*			7 0 0	
,, *English Presbyterian Messenger*			2 0 0	
,, Paid Postages connection with Advertising			0 0 7	
			27 13 0	
,, ,, For a Cheque-Book			0 4 2	
,, ,, Printing of 1000 Advertisements of Scholarships ...			1 12 6	
,, ,, Expenses connected with Examinations			1 1 9	
			30 11 6	
Less proportion of this amount carried to Theological Scholarship Fund (see pages 64-65) ...			10 3 10	
				20 7 8
,, Balance carried forward to next Account				119 0 5
				£895 8 1

Audited and found correct.

J. MUIR LEITCH.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND,

MATHESON, TREASURER, 1877-78.

Cr.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By	Balance, Cash in hand, brought from last Account		78 11 1
	Hamilton and Duncan Scholarships—		
,,	Interest on £1450 Oude and Rohilcund Railway 5 per Cent. Stock, as under, viz. :—		
	For half-year ended 30th June, 1877 ... £36 5 0		
	Less Income Tax at 3d. .. 0 9 1		
		35 15 11	
	For half-year ended 31st Dec., less Income Tax, as above	35 15 11	
			71 11 10
	Robertson Scholarship—		
,,	Interest on £877 2s. 4d. Indian Government 4 per Cent. Stock, as under, viz. :—		
	For half-year payable 5th April, 1877 ... £17 10 10		
	Less Income Tax at 3d. ... 0 4 4		
		17 6 6	
	For half-year payable 5th October, 1877, less Income Tax, as above	17 6 6	
			34 13 0
	Anderson Scholarship—		
,,	Interest on £500 Canadian Consolidated 5 per Cent. Stock, as under, viz. :—		
	For half-year ended 30th June, 1877 ... £12 10 0		
	Less Income Tax 0 3 1		
		12 6 11	
	For half-year ended 31st Dec., 1877, less Income Tax, as above	12 6 11	
			24 13 10
	Gillespie Scholarship—		
,,	Interest on £1000 Canadian Consolidated 5 per Cent. Stock, as under, viz. :—		
	For half-year ended 30th June, 1877 ... £25 0 0		
	Less Income Tax 0 6 3		
		24 13 9	
	For half-year ended 31st Dec., 1877, less Income Tax, as above	24 13 9	
			49 7 6
	Crichton Scholarship.		
,,	Received from Mr. W. P. Sinclair, Liverpool		30 0 0
	"Muter" Scholarships—		
,,	Interest on £2000 Metropolitan Railway 4½ per Cent. Stock—		
	For half-year ended 30th June, 1877 ... £45 0 0		
	Less Income Tax 0 11 3		
		44 8 9	
,,	Interest on £2075 Great Northern Railway 4½ per Cent. Preference Stock—		
	For half-year ended 31st Dec., 1877 ... £46 13 9		
	Less Income Tax 0 11 8		
		45 2 1	
	NOTE.—The Metropolitan Stock was exchanged for Great Northern.		90 10 10
	McKerrow Scholarship—		
,,	Amount of this Scholarship for Session 1877-78	16 0 0	
,,	Amount received from Messrs. Fraser and Sillivan, Manchester, to provide for this Scholarship	500 0 0	
			516 0 0
			£895 8 1
By	Balance in hands of Treasurer		£119 0 5

E. & O. E. LONDON, *20th March*, 1878.

H. M. MATHESON.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

In their last Report the School Committee communicated to the Church certain important *new provisions* which had been introduced into the Elementary Education Act of 1876, and pointed out the favourable effects which might be expected to result from these in increasing the attendance of children at our schools, and in adding considerably to the school revenues.

In re-appointing the Committee the Synod gave it instructions "to obtain and communicate to next Synod as accurate information as possible touching the actual and probable effects of the recent Act upon the attendance and revenue of the Schools still remaining upon the list of the Committee."

With the view of obtaining such information, the Committee sent out along with the Schedules for the present year the two following additional queries—

1. Has any School Attendance Committee been yet appointed by the Poor Law Guardians of your Union, and, if so, has that Committee appointed any Local Committee for your section of the Union?

2. To what extent has your School been affected, either in attendance or in the amount of Government Grant, by the Provisions of the Elementary Education Act of 1876?

From the answers received to these queries, it appears that School Attendance Committees have already been appointed in several of the districts occupied by our schools, and that in a few cases the amount of the Government Grant has been considerably increased. But it is too early as yet to expect very satisfactory returns to these inquiries, and it will be the care of the Committee to re-issue these queries from year to year for some time to come.

Meanwhile it may be satisfactory to the Synod to learn at what rate the annual Government Grant has been increasing during the last ten years, and under a much less liberal administration of aid than we may expect our Schools to enjoy in the years before us.

The following then is a comparative statement of the grants received by the schools now on our list in the years 1867 and 1877—

	1867. £ s. d.	1877. £ s. d.
Tweedmouth	27 10 8	63 14 6
Horncliff	17 16 3	63 4 7
Ancroft Moor	—	8 0 0
Crookham	20 9 2	8 12 0
Bavington	11 19 11	32 17 0
Branton	13 6 1	37 0 0
Kieldar	12 0 0	36 17 0
Falstone	7 1 4	37 0 0
Hott	—	42 19 0
Wharton—Two Schools	—	113 17 0
Risley	40 3 4	63 14 6

The whole sum received from Government by these Schools in 1867 was £150, being less by £50 than the average sum then voted to them from your School Fund; whereas the Government Grant has now reached the figure of £480, being more than three times the amount received ten years ago, and more than two-and-a-half times the whole average grant voted annually by the Committee.

It may also be interesting to the Synod to know at what rate the salaries of our teachers have been rising during these ten years—

	1867. Salary. £ s. d.	1877. Salary. £ s. d.
Tweedmouth	—	88 11 0
Horncliff	61 8 4	110 13 8
Ancroft Moor	59 1 8	41 2 7
Crookham	65 13 2	62 15 8
Branton	56 6 7	77 10 0
Bavington	67 9 11	84 0 0
Kieldar	56 0 0	81 18 5
Falstone	60 0 0	78 10 0
Hott	46 0 0	109 2 5
Wharton { Male Teachers £80 / Female Teachers £70 }	— / —	150 0 0
Risley	89 0 0	60 0 0

To appreciate the significance of these comparative salaries, let it be understood that the *minimum* salary which we aim to reach from all sources is £80, and it appears from these figures that in 1867 Risley School was the only one on our present list which reached this minimum; all the rest fell much below it—whereas now there are only four schools on the list which fall below it. The highest *aidable* salary aimed at for schools which teach only the common branches is £95, and there are now two of our schools which reach that figure and go considerably beyond it; so as to approach the *maximum aidable* salary of £110 which is confined to schools where several of the higher branches are taught, of which Latin must be one. These two schools are Horncliff and Hott, both provided with well educated and zealous teachers, whom the

Committee will gladly continue to assist up to the *maximum* point, which there is every prospect of their being soon able to reach by the increased liberality of the Government without the aid of the Committee.

But what may probably be saved to the Fund in that direction will still, at least for some years, be needful to bring up the lee-way of the less prosperous schools. Let it not be forgotten that of twelve salaries on our list, there are still as many as nine which fall below the moderate sum of £95; and that of these nine there are as many as five which fall painfully far below that amount, including one which is less than the half the amount, being returned at the figure of £44.

The Grants for the present year have been fixed at the following amounts—

PRESBYTERY OF BERWICK.

	£	s.	d.
Tweedmouth	17	10	0
Horncliff	14	0	0
Ancroft Moor	17	10	0
Crookham	17	10	0

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

Branton (Female Teacher)	10	0	0
Bavington	15	0	0
Hott	12	0	0
Falstone	8	0	0
Kieldar	8	0	0

PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER.

Wharton, Boys' School	12	0	0
,, Girls' School	10	0	0
Risley	17	10	0

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Aston Tyrrold	10	0	0

PETER LORIMER,
Convener.

SYNOD SCHOOL FUND.

ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR 1877.

PRESBYTERIES.	Received per Association.	Received per Collection.	Received. Total.	Grants paid. First.	Grants paid. Second.	Grants paid. Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Presbytery of Berwick-on-Tweed—						
Ancroft Moor	—	1 0 0	1 0 0	8 15 0	8 15 0	17 10 0
Backhill	—	1 10 0	1 10 0	—	—	—
Crookham	—	1 2 6	1 2 6	7 10 0	7 10 0	15 0 0
Horncliffe	—	1 13 6	1 13 6	7 0 0	7 0 0	14 0 0
Tweedmouth	—	—	—	8 15 0	8 15 0	17 10 0
Wallace Green	—	9 1 3	9 1 3	—	—	—
Presbytery of Cumberland—						
Carlisle	—	0 7 6	0 7 6	—	—	—
Presbytery of Liverpool—						
Canning Street	—	7 19 2	7 19 2	—	—	—
Fairfield	—	7 17 10	7 17 10	—	—	—
Rockferry	—	5 2 0	5 2 0	—	—	—
St. Helen's	—	1 0 0	1 0 0	—	—	—
Trinity	2 0 0	2 11 10	4 11 10	—	—	—
Presbytery of London—						
Aston Tyrrold	—	1 0 0	1 0 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0
Brighton	—	7 0 0	7 0 0	—	—	—
Islington	—	8 10 0	8 10 0	—	—	—
Hampstead	14 15 0	—	14 15 0	—	—	—
Marylebone	—	13 6 2	13 6 2	—	—	—
Notting Hill	—	6 6 2	6 6 2	—	—	—
Regent Square	45 0 6	8 0 0	53 0 6	—	—	—
St. John's Wood	—	5 0 0	5 0 0	—	—	—
Willesden	—	1 0 0	1 0 0	—	—	—
Donation—Dr. Stewart	3 3 0	—	3 3 0	—	—	—
Presbytery of Manchester—						
Grosvenor Square	—	16 12 6	16 12 6	—	—	—
Ramsbottom	—	4 10 0	4 10 0	7 10 0	7 10 0	15 0 0
Risley	—	1 4 0	1 4 0	8 15 0	8 15 0	17 10 0
Wharton	—	1 0 0	1 0 0	11 0 0	11 0 0	22 0 0
Withington	0 12 6	—	0 12 6	—	—	—
Presbytery of Newcastle-on-Tyne—						
Blyth	—	1 11 6	1 11 6	—	—	—
Gateshead	—	0 15 0	0 15 0	—	—	—
Falstone	—	2 6 6	2 6 6	4 0 0	4 0 0	8 0 0
Hott	—	—	—	6 5 0	6 5 0	12 10 0
Kieldar	—	—	—	4 0 0	4 0 0	8 0 0
North Bridge Street—Sunderland	—	2 0 0	2 0 0	—	—	—
Presbytery of Northumberland—						
Bavington	—	1 12 0	1 12 0	7 10 0	7 10 0	15 0 0
Branton	—	1 7 0	1 7 0	7 10 0	7 10 0	15 0 0
Wooler	—	1 6 9	1 6 9	—	—	—
Totals	65 11 0	123 13 2	189 4 2	93 10 0	93 10 0	187 0 0

SYNOD SCHOOL FUND.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

	Receipts.	Expenditure
1877.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance from last year	261 3 9	—
,, Collections and Subscriptions	189 4 2	—
,, Interest	2 19 0	—
By Grants as per Total	—	187 0 0
,, College Premises	—	5 0 0
,, Printing Reports, and Travelling Expenses to Synod Treasurer ...	—	15 14 0
,, Ranken & Co., Printing	—	0 5 0
,, Nelson & Co., Wall Maps	—	5 1 3
,, Postage and Sundries	—	0 5 6
,, Balance in hand carried forward	—	240 1 2
Total	453 6 11	453 6 11

JOHN JOHNSTONE, *Treasurer.*

WM. GARDEN, *Auditor.*
April, 1877.

REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

YOUR Committee have pleasure in laying before the Supreme Court as full an account as they have been able to make up of the most important and interesting work being done by the Church through the various appointed agencies amongst the young. The following table of figures is referred to as exhibiting in a summarised form the extent and nature of the work done, and in some degree the results of that work :—

PRESBYTERIES.	SABBATH SCHOOLS.						SENIOR CLASSES					
		Teachers.		Scholars.								
	Number of Schools.	Number of Teachers.	Teachers who are Members of Church.	Scholars on Rolls.	Average Attendance of Scholars.	Children of Parents belonging to the Church.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Teachers' Preparatory Classes.	Schools in which Shorter Catechism is used.	Schools in which "Children's Records" are issued.	Added to Membership of Church from Schools and Senior Classes.
Berwick ...	22	170	149	1330	1056	1114	15	395	1	16	14	39
Birmingham ...	19	299	243	2632	2034	890	13	252	4	15	12	27
Bristol	12	195	172	1953	1529	681	8	262	2	5	7	16
Carlisle	18	236	181	2038	1447	1034	14	268	4	12	10	21
Darlington ...	30	411	351	3831	2675	1628	19	368	8	15	13	29
Liverpool ...	53	1045	877	10990	7916	4321	39	683	12	25	25	85
London	86	1381	1131	13399	9832	4861	76	1426	22	34	40	75
Manchester ...	34	626	527	6394	4479	2321	20	352	4	20	20	111
Newcastle ...	72	1053	832	8850	6231	2534	30	890	12	39	25	60
Northumberland	26	173	148	1586	1211	1157	14	253	2	18	15	31
Totals, 1877 ...	372	5589	4611	53003	38410	20541	248	5149	71	199	181	494
Totals, 1876 ...	348	5382	4364	51185	37266	20721	217	4510	57	189	168	539

These figures cannot express adequately the results of patient, conscientious, and loving work done for the Lord by our noble band of Teachers, and much that would greatly interest us has to be left without record, as only fully known to the Searcher of Hearts; but the figures themselves are eloquent when their meaning is well weighed. The proportion of the membership of our Church actively engaged in the effort to bring the little ones within the fold of the Good Shepherd may not be so large as some would desire, but it is matter for thankfulness that they number so many, and that the pupils they have to gather round them Sabbath after Sabbath constitute so great a multitude. That of these

Teachers a great proportion are animated with the sincerest desire to do well the duty devolved upon them, seeking prayerfully and with anxious solicitude to lead their charges to the Saviour, we have many evidences. We also know that not only by means of the lessons in classes, but by other means, such as CHILDREN'S SERVICES, CHILDREN'S PRAISE MEETINGS, BANDS OF HOPE, and the like, are efforts being put forth to rescue the perishing, and to raise up a seed to serve the Lord.

It is pleasant to be able to observe an increasing interest in this branch of Christian work throughout the Church, and your Committee would hope that this may continue. They have, nevertheless, to lament that here and there one or another thinks it necessary to constitute himself a drag on the onward movement, especially by making the work of our corresponding members as laborious and irksome as possible when endeavouring to collect the statistics of their Presbyteries. The operations of your Committee are much retarded and hampered by these unaccountable brethren, and we have again to appeal to them not to mislay, nor forget, nor to fancy they have sent in when they have not, their schedules; but to return them by the time fixed to the much-enduring corresponding member, and not give him the trouble to apply to them over and over again.

Your Committee have again been called upon to consider whether a SERIES OF LESSONS might not with advantage be published for the use of our schools, and it having been urged that were such a series drawn up and published, along with explanatory and illustrative notes, in the *Messenger* from month to month, it would be generally acceptable and of much service, they again asked an expression of opinion from each school. They find that there are more in favour of the plan, as thus put, than formerly, but opinion is still so divided that it is evident the time has not yet come to take action. The subject is likely, however, to be discussed in the Presbyterial Committees, and it is not unlikely that in some other form than has so far been thought of the Church may be enabled to give assistance and direction in the actual teaching in the schools. We may here instance a suggestion of the London Presbytery's Committee. They say:

> There is evidently within the Church great diversity of opinion as regards the lessons to be taught. We do not attach undue importance to uniformity, but recognise in the want of agreement a failure to be satisfied with the schemes generally submitted to Sabbath schools. If a scheme of lessons were published by authority of the Synod—as has been suggested—there would be a risk of its being but another added to the list, unless it departed from the model hitherto followed. Not, however, to court novelty, but because of sympathy with the suggestion, your Committee recommend the fuller consideration of the system of *Primers*, which would provide a permanent system of Scripture lessons, suited to the various stages of knowledge, and would avoid the mistake of imposing upon a whole school the self-same lesson. By *Primers* your Committee mean a series of class-books having well-selected lessons for each section of the school; say, for Infants' department, three years' lessons; Junior department, three years' lessons; Senior department, three years' lessons; Adult classes, three years' lessons. This would ensure a child, entering school at say five or six years of age, being systematically taught instead of being frequently brought back to

the same lessons year after year. Into these *Primers* could be usefully introduced a Catechism, a question being placed at the head of each Sabbath lesson.

In the Newcastle Presbytery's Report it is also stated—

This subject of lessons is a very important one, and requires more matured deliberation. An improved scheme is certainly necessary, and in the direction of a properly graduated series followed up by a regular system of examinations under the sanction of the Presbytery. The want of anything like a methodical system of communicating Bible knowledge can well account for the comparative fruitlessness of much of the present Sabbath school teaching.

Your Committee have had under consideration the question of how best to bring Sessions into more direct connection with the Sabbath schools, and the most judicious manner of exercising, encouraging, and guiding control by the former over all efforts and agencies in congregations for the godly upbringing of the young. They are pleased to be able to report that at present the superintendents are, with few exceptions, Elders, and that Sessions, along with the teachers, have the management of the affairs of the schools, although there are some striking and curious exceptions. They still believe that the Session, being primarily responsible to the Church for the religious teaching of the young, should more pronouncedly feel and assume that responsibility; and, whilst refraining from mere meddling, that might be thought by any officious interference, show by sympathy with all engaged in the work, by encouraging counsel and ready active help, and, withal, by wise guidance and anxious concern for all that belongs to the Kingdom, how solemnly they regard the interests committed to them. And in this light they are prepared to recommend—

(1.) That Sessions be responsible for the admission, as well as the dismissal of Superintendents and Teachers;

(2.) That each school be under the supervision of the Session; and

(3.) That in order to exercise this supervision, a member of Session be from time to time appointed to visit and report upon the state of the school.

In the Report submitted by this Committee to the last Synod it was stated that the need of a CHILDREN'S HYMN BOOK was still greatly felt, and the hope expressed that soon we might be able to recommend one entirely suited to the requirements of our schools, if the Synod should not see fit to have a compilation of its own. Our attention has again been directed to this matter, and we have now the pleasure to name the *Psalms and Hymns for Children's Worship*, published by Messrs. Nisbet and Co., and to recommend it as meeting all the requirements of ordinary Sabbath schools within our Church. It is reliable in doctrine and comprehensive in subjects; neither excludes established and well-known hymns because they are old, nor fresh and popular ones because they are new; and the musical setting does credit to the taste and judgment of the editors. When so many children's hymn-books of a doubtful—and often more than doubtful—character are being circulated, it is a source of real satisfaction to be able to have one about which we can have no hesitation in placing it in the hands of our young people.

The increasing amount of attention bestowed by Presbyteries to Sabbath-school work has been well exemplified during the past year. Your Committee have observed with much pleasure that not only the work, but the manner of working, the workers and subjects connected with religious instruction are now being discussed, and systematic oversight and inquiry being carried out in a manner that a few years ago would scarcely have been believed probable. In some of the Presbyteries where the most of the congregations are rural and widely apart, there is great difficulty in thoroughly overtaking the supervision of the Sabbath schools; and we cannot reasonably expect such speedy and striking results as are shown in the reports presented to the larger or more compact Presbyteries; but by keeping the matter constantly in view, and by having occasional conferences, whether of members only, or of members of the Court and teachers, much more interest may be evoked than has existed in the past.

We now proceed to show as briefly as possible what has been done in the various Presbyteries, and to point out such features of interest as have been reported to us.

Berwick Presbytery.—No formal report has been made, but there have been exchanges made by ministers, and some of the schools visited. It is complained by one brother that his congregation being scattered he has difficulty in securing the attendance of the children, some of whom, influenced by companions and *bribes*, are induced to attend the Episcopal school, whilst another records his gratification at the high spiritual tone of the teaching given, and rejoices in evident good effects on the scholars. The statistics show an increase in the number of teachers and scholars during the year. Two schedules have not been returned to the Convener of the Presbytery's Committee, one of the defaulters having also failed in this respect the previous year.

Birmingham Presbytery.—A report has been presented to this Court showing that numerical increase in both teachers and scholars has taken place, and that, generally, the schools are in a satisfactory state, some of them evidencing active spiritual life. Two schools had failed to make returns.

Bristol Presbytery.—No written report has reached us, but the statistics forwarded show a slight falling off both in teachers and scholars. The very prosperous condition of the Plymouth school, where 700 pupils are under instruction, with an average attendance of 575, it is pleasant to record; but the same cannot be said of the school at Aberdare, where the severe distress in the district has prevented many of the children from attending.

Carlisle Presbytery.—The returned schedules exhibit a fair increase in teachers and scholars as compared with the preceding year.

Darlington Presbytery. — A comprehensive and instructive report was submitted to this Court. The figures show a slight increase in the number of teachers, but a falling off in the number of scholars; there is an increase in the number of senior class pupils. From Prospect Street, Hull, we hear that the *five* schools connected with that congregation continue in a healthy general condition; that the teachers are greatly encouraged in their work, believing that God is blessing their labours, and that the power of the Holy Spirit is manifested in a significant degree. Several of the scholars have been admitted to Church fellowship, and many others show indications of an interest in Divine things. From Grimsby also there is the cheering account that during the past year the Holy Spirit has been manifestly working among the children. Several of the elder scholars with broken hearts have sought and found the Saviour; all

the teachers, as far as man can judge, are on the Lord's side, several having professed to have passed from death to life.

Liverpool Presbytery.—The Committee has not, owing to some delay occasioned by the removal of its late Convener, given a report in time for us to make use of it, but the schedules enable us to see that the teaching staff has increased considerably, and that more than 1000 additional scholars are now on the school rolls, there being no falling off in other respects. From one of the schools (Chester) we learn that *all* the members of Session are teachers—a statement that can be made by very few, excepting when the congregation or Session are few in number. That much zeal and earnestness prevail in Liverpool in all that pertains to Sabbath-school work is abundantly evidenced in various ways; but perhaps the most striking testimony to this is the number of large schools connected with the congregations there. In the schools connected with Islington there are 1050 scholars; with Everton Valley, 958; with Queen's Road, 856; with Egremont, 1013; and in some of the others very large numbers. From one of these (Islington) as many as 33 young people were added to the membership of the Church, and £120 collected for missionary purposes.

London Presbytery.—A very zealous and efficient Committee is now in full work; the amount of labour they have undertaken, and information they have obtained and tabulated, giving promise of very thorough oversight of the Sabbath schools within their bounds, as well as of practical help to those actively engaged in the work. Unfortunately the results of this Committee's investigations had not been fully ascertained when our report had to be completed, and the figures put down in the table of statistics against this Presbytery are less reliable than we could wish. It may be noted, however, that the schools in the Metropolitan district are mostly of moderate size, with the exception of those connected with Regent Square Church, where there are 1125 pupils; with Highbury, where there are 1000; and with Clapham, where there are 554.

Manchester Presbytery.—Here also more systematic operations have been inaugurated, and arrangements carried out for the inspection of all the schools by the deputies appointed, the ascertained facts and conclusions drawn therefrom being laid before the Court, and a copy of the report sent to each teacher within the bounds. The figures show some increase in the teachers and scholars, and also in the senior classes. There are some large schools in the Presbytery, but they do not approach in dimension those of Liverpool. A noticeable feature in connection with one small school (Sale) is that the scholars collect and contribute as much as £37 for the China Mission. Another fact deserves prominence—that one of the congregations (Withington) having its church in a locality where the number of children likely to attend a Sabbath-school is comparatively small, gives evidence of its sympathy for the young and regard for the command, "Feed My lambs," by maintaining at its own cost an Orphanage. The Report of the Presbyterial Committee concludes with the following important practical suggestions:—

1. That Bible classes should be formed in every congregation for senior or advanced scholars, to be taught, if possible, by the Minister, so as to form a bridge between the Sunday school and the Church.
2. That when so much cheap and objectionable literature is being widely circulated, great attention should be paid to the Sunday school libraries, with a view to their being provided with instructive and attractive books, and having them extensively used.
3. That where congregations are situated in districts available for mission work, steps be taken, if they have not been taken already, for the organisation of Mission schools.

4. That every possible encouragement should be given to the formation of Bands of Hope by the superintendents and teachers of the various schools within the bounds.

Newcastle Presbytery.—The Committee connected with this Presbytery has again been active, and report that nearly all the schools within their bounds have been visited during the year. The system of Presbyterial visitation, they say, seems to work well, and is cordially welcomed by the teachers, who regard it as a just recognition on the part of the Presbytery of the importance of the work in which they are engaged; while in many cases the visitors themselves express the pleasure and interest they felt on the occasion of their visit. They are in the happy position of being able to report a very substantial addition to their teaching staff, and no less than 840 of an increase in the number of young people under instruction in the schools, and of 383 who are attending senior classes. Some of the congregations have large agencies at work, the number of pupils attending the schools of two congregations exceeding 500 each; whilst three congregations have each between 400 and 500, and five between 300 and 400 each. They lament the smallness of the number of those who have been added to the membership of the Church out of the schools and senior classes, and ask whether something may not be done to remedy this state of things by a carefully wrought out system of Senior Bible classes, which are the natural link between the Sabbath school and the Church.

Northumberland Presbytery.—Again we have to regret that no formal report appears to have been submitted to this Court, and there does not seem to be any attempt at an organised system of oversight. It is however stated that Sessions and congregations generally were recommended to prosecute the teaching and training of the young in Sabbath schools and otherwise for their advancement in religious knowledge, with diligence and vigour becoming so important and interesting an enterprise. From the schedules sent in, we learn that the number of teachers and scholars remain nearly the same as they were the year before, but there is gratifying increase in the number of pupils attending senior classes.

In accordance with remit of Synod your Committee have taken into consideration the Overture from the Presbytery of Berwick anent the *Oversight of the Young*, with special reference to the plan of the United Presbyterian Church, and as instructed now beg to report that the said plan is briefly as follows;—

1. The keeping of a roll by each Session of all baptised children belonging to the congregation not received into full communion.
2. The Elder of each district is bound to have personal knowledge of, to take a lively interest in, and to promote, in conjunction with the parents, the spiritual welfare of the said children or young people.
3. Certificates of disjunction in cases of removal to be granted to such young people as in case of communicants, and to be forwarded to Session of congregation to which they go.
4. That in places where there are several congregations a representative Committee of Superintendence be formed to take oversight of young persons who come from other places or congregations, to assist them in choice of lodgings and friends, and see that they become connected with a congregation of the Church.
5. That the removal of persons be notified to the minister or Session clerk of the congregation in the place to which the person removes.

The operation of this plan seems to have been attended thus far with but little success, although in Edinburgh and Glasgow the need for it

has been much felt. Your Committee are sensible that the need which this plan is devised to supply is as great in England as it can be anywhere else, and deplore the existence of much apathy and no inconsiderable amount of neglect in regard to those that leave our congregations, as well as of want of active and constant care for our baptised young people. They think, however, that at present to inaugurate such a plan, when so many other schemes are calling for increased labour and attention, would only be to bring into existence a feeble organisation with scant likelihood of ultimate success; and would rather now insist upon the duty of ministers and Sessions in their several spheres doing what is here systematised. For minister or elder to take an affectionate interest in the affairs of those growing up from childhood to manhood in our congregations, inquiring as to their progress in divine knowledge, whether the fear of God which is the beginning of wisdom is within them, noticing whether they are regular in attendance on ordinances and the like, should be no irksome task, nor require an additional law to enforce. And to follow with anxious look those who were once of the same flock, but have gone forth into the world to meet new trials and strange temptations, far away from the sound of the father's wise counsel and the mother's tender leading, should be a natural action, as it is assuredly a Christian duty. Your Committee would ask all on whom such duties lie, to weigh them seriously, and doubt not if this be done that the necessity for the formal adoption of a plan such as that now referred to need not be in the immediate future.

In conclusion, your Committee would commend the work which they have now feebly reviewed to the helpful interest and continued prayer of all God's people. When secular education is spreading on every side there is greater need that it should be supplemented by religious education and the spiritual necessities of the young of our land seen to. It is not to the young of our own Church alone that we carry the Gospel message, but also to thousands of the young of other Churches, and to those who have no ecclesiastical belonging. Greater exertion needs to be put forth to give better religious instruction to the lambs of our own flock, but the need of those for whom no man cares is more clamant still. Those who profess amongst us to love the Lord should give some evidence that they desire to do work in His cause. Were young applicants for admission to the membership of the Church faithfully admonished that practice was needed as well as profession, that the Lord is ever going out to bring in fresh labourers into His vineyard, and has work for them all, and that "What must I *do?*" should be an earnest question by every earnest inquirer, a larger number of willing workers might be secured for this branch of the Lord's work, and greater results in saved ones secured.

JAMES ROBB,
Convener.

REPORT OF SUSTENTATION FUND COMMITTEE FOR 1877,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

In submitting their Report for 1877 your Committee are glad to be able to state that the annual dividend has been maintained at £200. This has not been accomplished without considerable effort, for the gradual but necessary increase in the number of aid-receiving congregations upon the Fund has strained its resources to the utmost. There is, however, an evident and steady increase in the degree of aid supplied by self-sustaining congregations upon the Fund; and your Committee look forward with hopefulness to a day, not far distant, when all the presently existing ordinary charges requiring aid shall have been placed upon it, and a breathing-time be afforded in this department of work for the more easy and gradual development of the Church's resources. It will then be proper to administer the Fund as a fully established order of things, and to regulate very strictly any further admission of aid-receiving charges.

Your Committee are far from thinking that the resources of the Church for ministerial support are as yet fully developed. They see in many directions great room for improvement, and are happy to note indications of improved organisation and of a considerable increase in the standard of Christian liberality.

During the past year there were paid into the Sustentation Fund £26,047 as against £22,579 in 1876, showing an increase of £3468. Comparing the payments into the Fund in 1877 with those of 1873, the first year of its operation, we find that in four years its annual revenue passing through the hands of the General Treasurer has increased by £10,849. From these important facts it is evident that, whatever diversity of opinion may exist in regard to the working out of details, the Fund itself is growing in the confidence and in the support of the Church at large. The following table gives a succinct view of the position and progress of the Fund since its commencement to the end of the last year and the first quarter of the present year. Although the Hewley Grants do not pass through the Treasurer's hands, they form part of the Fund and enter into its dividends :—

TABLE SHOWING POSITION AND PROGRESS OF THE FUND.

Year.	Congregations Contributed to the Fund.	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Regulation XI.	Regulation XII.	Amount Remitted.	Donations.	Hewley Grants.	Total.
							£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1873	110	42	57	10	—	1	14,497 19 5	700 8 0	390 0 0	15,588 7 5
1874	114	43	60	9	1	1	15,231 1 2	127 10 0	382 0 0	15,740 11 2
1875	121	51	61	7	1	1	16,994 8 8	135 5 0	354 0 0	17,483 13 8
1876	134	41	67	7	16	3	22,066 5 1	523 4 0	397 0 0	22,986 9 1
1877	151	50	75	12	11	3	25,144 6 6	902 13 0	377 0 0	26,423 19 6
1878	210	83	98	19	14	3	*8,661 12 4	—	—	—

* Amount of first quarter's remittances.

The congregations in the first class and those under the eleventh regulation are aid-receiving, and the numbers of such upon the Fund during the five and a quarter years of its existence were respectively 42, 44, 52, 57, 61, and 97, showing a gradual expansion in the distribution of its benefits among that class of ministerial charges.

As already indicated, it has not been without difficulty that the dividend of £200 has been paid, and your Committee take this opportunity to acknowledge the timely generosity of a few friends of the Fund, without whose liberal donations that figure could not have been maintained. It has always been a part of the Sustentation Fund plan to invite individual donations, besides the regular congregational contributions, but it is obviously unsafe to depend on the former source in any great degree for the maintenance of the dividend.

During the past year various amendments of a practical character have been under the consideration of the Committee, and the following are transmitted to the Synod as deemed worthy of adoption:—

I.—Amendments on the Act.

1. That the regulation regarding third class congregations be modified as follows: After the word "associations" insert the words "or contributions," and delete the last clause, beginning with the words, "All new self-sustaining congregations, &c.," to the end, when it would read thus:—"Third, congregations which send the proceeds of associations or contributions to the Sustentation Fund, and receive no dividend from it, but pay the full stipend to their ministers out of other congregational funds; said payments to be duly reported to the Committee, and the congregations to be credited and debited in the Committee's books accordingly."

2. That from the XI. Regulation the words, "according to the plan at present adopted by the Home Mission Committee," be deleted, and that it read as follows:—"That all aid-receiving congregations not on the equal dividend platform be dealt with by the Sustentation Fund Committee, so as most effectually to develop their respective resources, by means of a direct grant on a given basis to make up a certain amount, and an additional grant of one half more on any increase of their contributions until the amount of the equal dividend is reached, but that all contributions toward stipend be sent to the Sustentation Fund, as in the case of other aid-receiving congregations."

3. That where the word "association" occurs in the Sustentation Fund Act,

or in relative regulations, that term is to be interpreted as denoting any form of Special Organisation for this Fund.

II.—Proposed Regulations for the Working of the Fund.

1. That the minimum contributions from all sources which aid-giving congregations be expected and encouraged to send to the Sustentation Fund, shall be adjusted by negotiation between the Committee and each congregation, subject to the sanction of the Presbytery, on a common basis applicable to the whole Church.

2. That so long as the proceeds of Sustentation Fund Associations fall short of the sum so fixed, Deacons' Courts be urged to make a payment to the Fund out of their ordinary revenue.

3. That said payment do not exceed in any case the amount of the equal dividend, but shall be subject on the other hand to all reasonable deductions, as, for example, where local revenue has fallen off since the Sustentation Fund has been started, or where exceptionally heavy charges of any kind fall upon local funds.

4. That in seeking to bring aid-giving congregations into harmony with those arrangements, the Committee shall deal in detail with the circumstances of each case, and shall make its appeal only to the generosity and sense of duty to the whole Church which ought to characterise all our people.

5. That all congregations in the first class be required to furnish the Committee with an annual statement of their accounts, duly certified by the Presbytery of the bounds, as a guarantee that the requirements of the Sustentation Fund Act in regard to such congregations are being duly carried out.

6. That the Second General Regulation be supplemented by a clause to the effect that no congregation whatever, begun hereafter, shall be placed upon the Fund on a basis that shall enable it to receive more than double the amount it sends to the Fund.

7. That in the event of congregations becoming vacant whose contributions have not yet become sufficient to enable them to be placed upon the equal dividend platform, no new settlement shall take place without the due consideration by the Presbytery of the bounds, of the necessity for retaining such congregations in the position of separate and regular charges, nor, in the event of their judging this to be necessary, without the concurrence of the Sustentation Fund Committee in that judgment, the right of appeal being of course reserved.

8. That the Synod determine each year the number of charges to be raised to the platform of the equal dividend in the course of the ensuing twelve months, so as to obviate the risk of the funds being subjected to an undue pressure in any one year, and the consequent sudden depression of the equal dividend.

9. That the Committee contemplate as soon as possible, and not later than the termination of the period covered by the Scotch Subsidy, arranging for an allowance for house-rent as a first charge on the Fund for congregations not having manses and giving no supplement to their ministers.

10. That to avoid complication, congregations on the second class and giving supplements be recommended, in the case of new settlements, to make their arrangements, so that the total stipend shall be understood to consist of the equal dividend *plus* the supplement allowed, the fixed sum being thus the amount of supplement rather than the total stipend.

11. That each congregation make a return to the Committee of the amount raised by the Sustentation Fund Association distinct from the contribution from ordinary revenue.

It was further agreed "to ask the Synod to give authority to the Committee to consolidate the original Sustentation Fund Act together with the principal regulations, that shall have been adopted by the Synod, in one complete scheme for the guidance of congregations; and that the terms of such scheme shall, if possible, be so arranged that congregations shall in future be distinguished, when that may be needful, as aid-receiving on the one hand and aid-giving on the other, and not as ranking respectively under the first, second, and third classes, as at present."

Among all the suggestions made for the improvement and consolidation of the Fund, none is more important than one, which aims at establishing a minimum scale of aid-giving for the guidance of congregations which are able to take that happy position. In the absence of this, inequalities, or apparent inequalities, in the giving of such congregations to the Fund, provoke remark, and an impression goes abroad that the burden, if such it may be called, is not very fairly borne. There is a proposal before the Committee to prepare such a scale, adjusting it to some undisputed evidence of each congregation's financial strength; and a Sub-Committee is now engaged on this question.

During the year your Committee, in conjunction with the Home Mission Committee, were anxiously engaged in making the needful arrangements for receiving on the Fund the congregations formerly United Presbyterian. The following resolutions were unanimously agreed to:—

I.—That the whole of these congregations be invited, in terms of the resolution of last Synod, to join the Sustentation Fund on the 1st January, 1878; and that means be at once taken by the appointment of deputies or otherwise to explain the working of the Fund, and the arrangements necessary for their coming on to it.

II.—That from 1st January, 1878, after all claims on the Subsidy from Scotland have been settled which are payable for service ending 31st December, 1877, and after a sufficient amount has been reserved to meet the obligations to those congregations with which special arrangements were made prior to the Union (estimated at £860), the Home Mission Committee shall be expected to hand over the whole of the remainder of the Subsidy to the Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund Committee, who shall place it to a separate account.

III.—That while the weaker aid-receiving congregations shall be encouraged and stimulated, wherever possible, to contribute to the Fund sufficient to entitle them to be placed on the equal dividend platform under the existing arrangements, the Committee shall have the power, when satisfied that any congregation is really unable to do this, to draw from the Subsidy so much as shall be necessary to make up the deficiency—the amount so drawn constituting a first charge on the same; this arrangement, however, only to apply to the period covered by the Subsidy, which terminates on the 13th June, 1881. It being understood, however, that no congregation shall claim the privilege of this provision whose minister's income would not suffer by the application of the ordinary rules of the Sustentation Fund.

IV.—That in the case of all aid-receiving former United Presbyterian congregations on the Sustentation Fund, where the dividend from it does not reach the amount any minister received from his congregation and the

Home Mission Committee of the United Presbyterian Church in the year 1875, the Subsidy may be drawn upon to make up the deficiency till the date above mentioned.

V.—That the balance of the Subsidy, after meeting these obligations, shall be available for the general objects of the Committee.

VI.—That in view of the diversity of practice which exists in the Church, of pre-payment of stipends in some congregations and post-payment in others, this Committee is of opinion that, while congregations may make what financial arrangements in this respect they think best, payments from the Sustentation Fund should be quarterly and by post-payment as at present; and that in the case of congregations formerly United Presbyterian joining the Fund, their remittances to the Fund should be monthly, if possible; and such congregations should give their minister any benefit which may arise from the change.

VII.—That in order to secure the successful union of the late United Presbyterian congregations with the Sustentation Fund, the following means are suggested:—

1.—That a statement designed particularly for office-bearers be prepared by a sub-committee appointed for the purpose, explanatory of the Fund, including—

(*a*) The Sustentation Fund Act;
(*b*) The General Regulations;
(*c*) The Resolutions now adopted; and
(*d*) Any further information which may be deemed necessary.

2.—That an Exposition and Appeal be prepared by the same Committee, suitable for distribution among the people, and circulated more especially throughout the formerly United Presbyterian congregations; and

3.—That arrangements be made without delay with Presbyteries for the visitation of these congregations by deputation at as early a date as possible.

4.—That the official members of the Committee be a sub-committee to draw up the papers to be sent to the Office-bearers and people.

In carrying out these arrangements your Committee visited by deputation all but a few of the congregations referred to, and are glad to be able to report that the deputies were most cordially received, and the object of their mission very carefully and candidly considered. The result was that the congregations, with almost perfect unanimity, resolved to join the Sustentation Fund and support it under one or other of its regulations. These resolutions are being carried out, and an encouraging commencement has been made, as no fewer than 71 of these congregations have contributed to the Fund during the first quarter of the year. Of these 6 are simply self-sustaining; 29 are aid-giving, of whom 14 are, at least for the time being, in the 3rd class; and 36 are aid-receiving in the 1st class.

The last year was closed and the present begun without any balance in the Treasurer's hand. There has been remitted to the Fund for the first quarter of the current year £8661. Your Committee took all possible means to evoke the liberality of the Church; visited, as already stated, the congregations toward the close of the year, and summoned an

extraordinary meeting of the general Committee to meet on the 27th December, at which the Presbytery representatives were asked to be present. Congregations were communicated with by circulars, and in many cases by letter, and a final endeavour was put forth by direct and particular application to get in all deficient payments for the quarter. Nevertheless the income was not sufficient to pay a quarterly dividend of £50. Having ground to expect some further contributions applicable to the quarter, and being very desirous not to depress the mind of the Church on this subject in the opening of the year, which brings with it a new order of things, your Committee, after anxious deliberation, resolved to pay the full sum of £50, although this resolution involved their falling, for the time being, into debt to the amount of some £679. But it must be obvious to everyone that, however the adoption of this course may be justified in this emergency, the Committee ought not to be left in circumstances to render its repetition necessary. The resources of the Church are unquestionably sufficient to sanction with ease the annual dividend contemplated. And the Committee, earnestly calling the attention of the Synod to the subject, trust that the Church will so respond to the call made upon it during the remainder of the year that the dividend may not be allowed to fall, and that the balance may be brought to the right side of the account.

The cases of three collegiate charges applying for admission to the Fund have been before your Committee, viz., Hartlepool, Smyrna, Sunderland, and Cheviot Street, Wooler. It has never been within the scope of the Sustentation Fund to assist in providing retiring allowances to aged and infirm ministers directly or indirectly. In the case of aid-receiving congregations the Act expressly claims all available congregational monies, ordinary working expenses excepted, toward the one aided stipend of the acting minister. Your Committee, therefore, can do nothing but refer the cases in question for the consideration of the Synod.

During the current year your Committee have heard with deep sorrow of the death of Mr. William Muter, late of Manchester, a much esteemed and liberal member and benefactor of this Church. But at the same time they are grateful to learn that God put it into the heart of His servant to make the first and only bequest which has as yet fallen to the lot of your Committee on behalf of the Sustentation Fund of this Church. After a few small bequests, Mr. Muter bequeaths the residue of his estate to be divided in equal parts between the Sustentation Fund of the Free Church of Scotland, and that of the Presbyterian Church of England, in behalf of the same in perpetuity. The amount of this bequest in favour of our Fund will be made known in due course to the Synod Treasurer, to whom it is made payable.

It is with much regret your Committee have received intimation from Mr. W. D. Anderson, Treasurer to the Fund, of his intention to place the resignation of his office in your hands. Mr. Anderson has taken an unsurpassed interest in the Sustentation Fund movement from its commencement, and has filled the arduous and responsible position of Treasurer for six laborious years. His personal attention to the business and the marked punctuality of his payments have greatly conduced not

only to the comfort of the ministers, but to the successful inauguration of a difficult enterprise. By his gratuitous and self-sacrificing labour, and by his placing his private means at the disposal of your Committee, when straitened for lack of a working capital, he has laid the Church under a lasting obligation. While deeply regretting Mr. Anderson's felt necessity for withdrawing from office, your Committee cannot but recognise that the time has come for the appointment of a paid general Treasurer for all the schemes of the Church, and for the securing of a central office in which to transact the Church's rapidly increasing business.

In conclusion, your Committee render hearty and devout thanks to God, to whom alone are due all praise and glory for the past success and prosperity which has attended the enterprise entrusted to their care.

D. FRASER,
D. MACEWAN, } *Joint-Conveners.*

J. M. ROSS, *Secretary.*

SUSTENTATION FUND.

Balance Sheet, 31*st December*, 1877.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance on hand	306	9	8
Donations	902	13	6
Received from Congregations	25,144	6	6
	26,353	0	8

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Printing, Stationery, &c.	146	16	1
Cheque-book, Commissions, &c.	3	0	3
Travelling Charges	165	7	0
Rev. J. M. Ross	400	0	0
Clerk to Treasurer	52	0	0
Finance and Publications Committees	69	12	0
College Committee	13	6	9
	850	2	1
Widows' Fund	565	0	0
Ministers' Stipends	24,938	7	7
	26,353	9	8

W. D. ANDERSON, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the Cash Book, Vouchers, and Banker's Book, and find them correct, leaving no balance of cash in hand,

ARCHD. MACNICOLL, *Auditor.*

London, *March* 27*th*, 1878.

SUSTENTATION FUND.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Sustentation Fund Financial Statement, 1877.

Congregations.	Members.	On Books as Actual Contributors.	Per cent on Membership.	Collectors.	Amount from Sustentation Fund Association.	Amount from Ordinary Revenue.	Total Paid into Sustentation Fund by Congregation.	From Hewley Trust and other Sources.	Total Available for Dividend.	Dividend Paid.	Supplement from Congregation.	Total Stipend.
Berwick Presbytery.					£ s. d.	£ s. d	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ancroft Moor... ... (*b*)	147	39	27	2	6 9 4	63 17 3	70 6 7	14	84 6 7	155 0 0	—	155 0 0
Belford, Columba	—	—	—	—	—	—	110 0 0	—	110 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
,, Erskine	222	215	97	37	17 15 5	122 4 7	140 0 0	12	152 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Berwick, Bank Hill	265	100	38	8	34 10 0	165 10 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Crookham	215	215	100	10	13 12 8	106 11 1	120 3 9	14	134 3 9	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Etal	235	198	84	10	18 15 9	93 4 8	112 0 5	14	126 0 5	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Horncliffe	208	165	79	12	18 11 8	90 0 6	108 12 2	14	122 12 2	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Lowick ... ... (*b*)	—	—	—	—	—	—	87 3 4	10	97 3 4	155 0 0	—	155 0 0
Norham, North Church ...	210	142	68	7	19 2 4	85 17 8	105 0 0	14	119 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Tweedmouth	190	70	37	10	10 0 2	94 19 10	105 0 0	25	130 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
	1692	1144	68		138 17 4	822 5 7	1158 6 3	117	1275 6 3	1910 0 0		1910 0 0
Birmingham Presbytery.												
Birmingham, Broad Street ...	156	99	63	9	109 4 6	100 15 6	210 0 0	—	210 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0
,, New John St. ...	79	76	96	5	56 8 1	73 11 11	130 0 0	—	130 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Dudley	74	27	36	1	23 15 0	145 0 0	168 15 0	—	168 15 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Hanley	100	40	40	4	22 8 6	177 11 6	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Nottingham	90	36	40	5	115 19 0	89 1 0	205 0 0	—	205 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0
Shrewsbury	75	71	95	4	77 7 3	122 12 9	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Stafford	84	59	70	4	56 1 8	148 18 4	205 0 0	—	205 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Worcester	143	50	35	5	21 6 8	183 11 10	204 18 6	—	204 18 6	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
	801	458	57		482 10 8	1041 2 10	1523 13 6		1523 13 6	1600 0 0	150 0 0	1750 0 0
Bristol Presbytery.												
Aberdare	53	27	51	3	83 6 0	71 14 0	155 0 0	—	155 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Cardiff	287	181	63	11	135 19 6	89 0 6	225 0 0	—	225 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0
Cheltenham	—	—	—	—	—	—	225 0 0	—	225 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0
Gloucester	164	203	124	7	52 8 11	152 11 1	205 0 0	—	205 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Plymouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	46 5 0	—	46 5 0	(*d*)50 0 0	205 0 0	255 0 0
Torquay	123	81	66	3	152 4 0	83 16 0	236 0 0	—	236 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0
	627	492	78		423 18 5	397 1 7	1092 5 0		1092 5 0	1050 0 0	705 0 0	1755 0 0

Carlisle Presbytery.																													
Bewcastle	(*b*)	71	104	146	4	73	7	0	30	8	3	103	15	3	14	117	15	3	155	0	0	—			155	0	0
Brampton	(*b*)	46	33	72	3	15	7	3	54	14	4	70	1	7	14	84	1	7	155	0	0	—			155	0	0
Carlisle, Warwick Road ...		—	—	—	—	206	0	0	—			206	0	0	—	206	0	0	200	0	0	40	0	0	240	0	0
Cleator Moor		117	81	69	7	39	17	5	97	10	0	137	7	5	14	151	7	5	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
Haltwhistle	(*b*)	75	39	52	4	32	10	0	27	0	0	59	10	0	14	73	10	0	155	0	0	—			155	0	0
Maryport, John Street ...		85	45	53	2	23	16	3	81	5	9	105	2	0	10	115	2	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
Whitehaven, Market Place ...		170	27	16	—	14	11	1	195	10	5	210	1	6	—	210	1	6	200	0	0	36	0	0	236	0	0
Workington		85	22	26	—	14	8	8	90	16	9	105	5	5	—	105	5	5	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
		694	351	54		419	17	8	577	5	6	997	3	2	66	1063	3	2	1465	0	0	76	0	0	1541	0	0
Darlington Presbytery.																													
Darlington		237	150	63	9	123	1	6	86	18	6	210	0	0	—	210	0	0	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0
Grimsby	(*c*)	106	51	48	4	36	7	6	—			36	7	6	—	36	7	6	36	7	6	154	15	0	191	2	0
Hull, Prospect Street	(*a*)	—	—	—	—	20	0	3	—			20	0	3	200	220	0	3	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
Springbank		110	37	34	5	10	5	1	95	4	11	105	10	0	—	105	10	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
		453	238	52		189	14	4	182	3	5	371	17	9	200	571	17	9	636	7	6	254	15	0	891	2	6
Liverpool Presbytery.																													
Birkenhead, Claughton	(*a*)	—	—	—	—	—			—			27	15	0	200	227	15	0	200	0	0	500	0	0	700	0	0
,, Hamilton ...		150	80	53	6	63	7	1	139	2	11	202	10	0	—	202	10	0	200	0	0	70	0	0	270	0	0
,, St. Andrew's ...		—	—	—	—	290	16	11	—			290	16	11	—	290	16	11	200	0	0	379	0	0	579	0	0
Douglas		—	—	—	—	—			—			200	0	0	—	200	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
Liverpool, Canning Street ...		550	81	15	E	363	1	6	—			363	1	6	—	363	1	6	200	0	0	600	0	0	800	0	0
,, Everton Valley ...		671	150	22	7	54	2	9	195	17	3	250	0	0	—	250	0	0	200	0	0	350	0	0	550	0	0
,, Fairfield		—	—	—	—	250	0	0	—			250	0	0	—	250	0	0	200	0	0	350	0	0	550	0	0
,, Hyslop Street ...		151	100	66	8	69	14	1	80	5	11	150	0	0	—	150	0	0	*d*150	0	0	183	6	8	333	6	8
,, Islington...	(*a*)	—	—	—	6	49	6	3	—			49	6	3	200	249	6	3	200	0	0	359	0	0	550	0	0
,, Queen's Road ...		—	—	—	—	—			—			105	0	0	—	105	0	0	*d*100	0	0	375	0	0	475	0	0
,, Shaw Street ...		170	75	44	7	40	0	0	160	0	0	200	0	0	—	200	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
,, St. George's ...		—	—	—	—	—			—			202	10	0	—	202	10	0	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0
,, St. Peter's ...		701	137	20	19	52	12	0	147	8	0	200	0	0	—	200	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0
,, Trinity		190	56	29	E	150	0	0	100	0	0	250	0	0	—	250	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0
,, Vauxhall Road ...		105	75	71	7	63	5	10	50	14	2	114	0	0	—	114	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
Parkgate		83	30	36	5	99	15	0	55	5	0	155	0	0	—	155	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
Rockferry		205	30	15	E	277	4	5	—			277	4	5	—	277	4	5	200	0	0	331	11	0	531	11	0
Southport		120	106	88	12	123	2	6	86	17	6	210	0	0	—	210	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0
St. Helen's		—	—	—	—	—			—			187	10	0	—	187	10	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
Waterloo		—	—	—	4	63	4	0	139	6	0	202	10	0	—	202	10	0	200	0	0	105	0	0	305	0	0
		3096	920	30		2009	12	4	1154	16	9	3887	4	1	400	4287	14	1	3850	0	0	4293	17	8	8143	17	8

SUSTENTATION FUND—*continued.*

Congregations.	Members.	On Books as Actual Contributors.	Per cent. on Membership.	Collectors.	Amount from Sustentation Fund Association.	Amount from Ordinary Revenue.	Total Paid into Sustentation Fund by Congregation.	From Hewley Trust and other Sources.	Total Available for Dividend.	Dividend Paid.	Supplement. from Congregation.	Total Stipend.
London Presbytery.					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Aldershot	—	—	—	—	—	—	66 17 0	—	66 17 0	*d*100 0 0	—	100 0 0
Aston Tyrrold	60	40	67	4	75 15 0	29 5 0	105 0 0	—	105 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Bournemouth	—	—	—	7	202 0 0	8 0 0	210 0 0	—	210 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0
Brighton, Queen's Road ...	290	135	47	E	71 11 0	188 9 0	260 0 0	—	260 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0
Chatham	51	63	124	5	65 18 0	39 2 0	105 0 0	—	105 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Croydon	240	87	36	E	223 0 0	17 0 0	240 0 0	—	240 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0
Guernsey ... ... (*b*)	—	—	—	—	—	—	75 0 0	—	75 0 0	155 0 0	—	155 0 0
Ipswich ... ... (*b*)	86	104	121	8	33 6 6	93 4 5	126 10 11	—	126 10 11	155 0 0	—	155 0 0
Jersey	—	—	—	—	—	—	202 10 0	—	202 10 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0
Lewes	71	41	58	7	29 6 3	125 13 9	155 0 0	—	155 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
London, Belgravia	—	—	—	—	—	—	235 0 0	—	235 0 0	200 0 0	405 0 0	605 0 0
,, Bermondsey (*c*)	110	41	37	3	24 7 2	—	24 7 2	—	24 7 2	24 7 2	375 12 10	400 0 0
,, Bow Road ... (*c*)	—	—	—	10	52 11 2	72 8 10	125 0 0	—	125 0 0	125 0 0	175 0 0	300 0 0
,, Camberwell ...	251	60	24	5	113 0 1	44 9 11	157 10 0	—	157 10 0	*d*155 0 0	250 0 0	405 0 0
,, Camden Road ...	181	96	53	E	220 0 0	—	220 0 0	—	220 0 0	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0
,, Canonbury	100	27	27	5	64 5 0	143 5 0	207 10 0	—	207 10 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0
,, Clapham Road ...	750	162	22	22	183 5 10	216 14 2	400 0 0	—	400 0 0	200 0 0	800 0 0	1000 0 0
,, Clapton	144	44	31	6	91 10 0	113 10 0	205 0 0	—	205 0 0	200 0 0	55 0 0	255 0 0
,, Ealing	—	—	—	—	—	—	200 13 6	—	200 13 6	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0
,, East India Road ...	125	95	76	4	36 0 0	119 0 0	155 0 0	—	155 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
,, Greenwich	—	—	—	E	139 11 7	195 0 0	334 11 7	—	334 11 7	200 0 0	380 0 0	580 0 0
,, Hampstead	230	48	21	E	256 2 0	150 0 0	406 2 0	—	406 2 0	200 0 0	350 0 0	350 0 0
,, Highbury ... (*a*)	—	—	—	—	—	—	60 0 0	200	260 0 0	200 0 0	650 0 0	850 0 0
,, Islington	502	212	42	E	185 1 9	135 18 3	321 0 0	—	321 0 0	200 0 0	563 0 0	763 0 0
,, Kentish Town ...	118	43	36	6	22 6 8	82 13 4	105 0 0	—	105 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
,, Kingston-on-Thames	57	56	98	3	23 1 9	—	23 1 9	—	23 1 9	*d* 23 1 9	226 18 3	250 0 0
,, Marylebone	916	282	31	E	689 18 0	—	689 18 0	—	689 18 0	200 0 0	850 0 0	1050 0 0
,, Millwall	127	88	69	4	26 12 9	80 12 3	107 5 0	—	107 5 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
,, Notting Hill ...	452	107	24	E	361 7 7	16 16 3	378 3 10	—	378 3 10	200 0 0	805 0 0	1005 0 0
,, Regent Square ...	644	166	26	E	484 14 3	—	484 14 3	—	484 14 3	200 0 0	850 0 0	1050 0 0
,, St. John's Wood (*a*)	436	180	41	10	358 11 6	—	358 11 6	200	558 11 6	200 0 0	910 0 0	1110 0 0
,, South Kensington ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	190 7 0	—	190 7 0	*d*150 0 0	650 0 0	800 0 0
,, Southwark ... (*b*)	184	82	45	8	43 7 11	66 12 1	110 0 0	—	110 0 0	155 0 0	—	155 0 0
,, Stepney	260	96	37	10	91 12 2	128 7 10	220 0 0	—	220 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0
,, Tottenham	109	85	78	4	153 19 10	58 0 10	212 0 8	—	212 0 8	200 0 0	100 9 2	300 9 2

,, Upper Norwood ...	—	—	—	—	—			—			210	0	0	—	210	0	0	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0
,, Victoria Docks ...	94	50	53	4	51	12	6	153	7	6	205	0	0	—	205	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
,, Whitfield	276	150	54	11	87	10	7	34	9	5	122	0	0	—	122	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
,, Woolwich, New Road	240	140	58	6	113	12	5	96	7	7	210	0	0	—	210	0	0	200	0	0	230	0	0	430	0	0
Maidstone	40	40	100	2	33	0	3	71	14	9	104	15	0	—	104	15	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
Norwich	220	106	48	6	60	18	7	156	0	0	216	18	7	—	216	18	7	200	0	0	50	0	0	250	0	0
Southampton, St. Andrew's ...	412	95	23	10	88	0	0	122	0	0	210	0	0	—	210	0	0	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0
,, Totton... ...	54	30	56	3	34	0	0	71	0	0	105	0	0	—	105	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
,, Woolston (*c*)	—	—	—	—	54	13	6	—			54	13	6	—	54	13	6	54	13	6	245	6	6	300	0	0
	7830	3051	39		4845	11	7	2829	2	2	8915	1	3	400	9315	1	3	7897	2	5	11021	6	9	18918	0	0
Manchester Presbytery.																										
Bolton	247	96	39	10	54	14	2	147	15	10	202	10	0	—	202	10	0	200	0	0	105	0	0	305	0	0
Crewe	68	39	57	4	26	12	1	79	7	11	106	0	0	14	120	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
Leeds, St. Columba ... (*b*)	130	93	72	7	41	0	0	106	10	0	147	10	0	—	147	10	0	155	0	0	—			155	0	0
Manchester, Ancoats... ...	143	87	61	6	133	17	1	16	2	11	150	0	0	—	150	0	0	155	0	0	134	9	0	289	9	0
,, Brunswick St.(*a*)	—	—	—	—	—			—			20	12	0	200	220	12	0	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0
,, Grosvenor Square	405	43	11	E	131	10	0	197	10	0	329	0	0	—	329	0	0	200	0	0	450	0	0	650	0	0
,, Longsight ...	116	64	55	E	106	13	6	51	16	6	158	10	0	—	158	10	0	*d*155	0	0	195	0	0	350	0	0
,, Sale	—	—	—	—	—			—			194	0	0	—	194	0	0	200	0	0	250	0	0	450	0	0
,, Salford	214	82	38	9	47	12	7	162	7	5	210	0	0	—	210	0	0	200	0	0	150	0	0	350	0	0
,, St. Andrew's ...	330	75	23	E	50	0	0	200	0	0	250	0	0	—	250	0	0	200	0	0	275	0	0	475	0	0
,, Trinity	—	—	—	—	38	9	0	200	0	0	238	9	0	—	238	9	0	200	0	0	320	0	0	520	0	0
,, Withington ...	—	—	—	E	35	8	5	200	0	0	235	8	5	—	235	8	5	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0
Ramsbottom	198	75	38	15	53	10	0	151	10	0	205	0	0	—	205	0	0	200	0	0	128	0	0	328	0	0
Risley ... ... (*b*)	—	—	—	—	—			—			76	10	7	14	90	10	7	155	0	0	—			155	0	0
Sheffield	142	60	42	5	51	9	6	153	10	6	205	0	0	—	205	0	0	200	0	0	20	0	0	220	0	0
Stalybridge	48	30	62	2	36	18	0	68	2	0	105	0	0	—	105	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
Warrington ... ... (*b*)	46	23	50	E	20	1	4	49	18	8	70	0	0	—	70	0	0	155	0	0	—			155	0	0
Wharton	69	53	77	5	15	4	1	89	15	11	105	0	0	14	119	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
Wigan	117	104	89	11	49	6	11	154	13	1	204	0	0	—	204	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
	2273	924	41		892	6	8	2029	0	9	3212	10	0	242	3454	10	0	3575	0	0	2627	9	0	6202	9	0
Newcastle Presbytery.																										
Blackhill ... ... (*a*)	—	—	—	—	—			—			18	0	0	200	218	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
Blyth, Waterloo Road (*a*)	—	—	—	—	—			—			3	3	0	200	203	3	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
Falstone	—	—	—	15	15	2	3	130	17	9	146	0	0	—	146	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
Gateshead, Ellison Street ...	257	65	25	7	42	1	0	160	8	4	202	9	4	—	202	9	4	200	0	0	5	0	0	205	0	0
Hebburn	203	107	53	6	35	16	9	109	3	3	145	0	0	—	145	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0
Killingworth	107	30	28	6	28	0	0	72	0	8	100	0	8	—	100	0	8	200	0	0	—			200	0	0

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Newcastle, Barras Bridge (*a*)	—	—	—	—	—	—	5 0 0	200	205 0 0	200 0 0	—	—
,, Gosforth ... (*a*)	—	—	—	—	—	—	5 0 0	200	205 0 0	200 0 0	—	—
,, John Knox ...	505	94	19	13	62 19 9	200 0 0	262 19 9	—	262 19 9	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0
,, Trinity	650	140	22	11	69 2 9	200 0 0	269 2 9	—	269 2 9	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0
,, Westmoreland Rd. (*a*)	—	—	—	—	—	—	7 0 0	200	207 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0
North Shields, Howard Street	—	—	—	—	—	—	222 10 0	—	222 10 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0
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South Shields, Laygate (*a*)	—	—	—	E	—	66 16 11	66 16 11	200	266 16 11	200 0 0	173 0 0	373 0 0
Sunderland, North Bridge St.	230	103	45	9	75 10 0	140 0 0	215 10 0	—	215 10 0	200 0 0	87 10 0	287 10 0
,, St George's ...	447	65	15	14	44 1 6	200 0 0	244 1 6	—	244 1 6	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0
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Alnwick, St. James's... ...	281	137	49	8	27 9 5	142 13 2	170 2 7	—	170 2 7	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Bavington	98	63	64	E	25 10 4	79 9 8	105 0 0	14	119 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Birdhopecraig...	118	100	85	10	29 10 2	90 9 10	120 0 0	10	130 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Branton	280	114	41	10	19 16 9	136 3 3	156 0 0	—	156 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Felton	146	50	34	6	16 6 9	93 13 3	110 0 0	14	124 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Glanton	293	157	54	13	22 0 1	140 0 0	162 0 1	—	162 0 1	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Harbottle	212	170	80	17	23 5 8	102 12 6	125 18 2	14	139 18 2	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
Longframlington ... (*b*)	71	58	82	5	24 12 2	35 7 10	60 0 0	15	75 0 0	155 0 0	—	155 0 0
Morpeth	240	92	38	14	20 0 0	197 2 0	217 10 0	—	217 10 0	200 0 0	10 0 0	210 0 0
Newbiggin	85	39	46	E	19 8 9	86 13 0	106 1 9	14	120 1 9	200 0 0	—	200 0 0
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					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Berwick	1692	1144	68	138 17 4	822 5 7	1158 6 3	117 0 0	1275 6 3	1910 0 0	—	1910 0 0
2	Birmingham	801	458	57	482 10 8	1041 2 10	1523 13 6	—	1523 13 6	1600 0 0	150 0 0	1750 0 0
3	Bristol	629	492	78	423 18 5	397 1 7	1092 5 0	—	1092 5 0	1050 0 0	705 0 0	1755 0 0
4	Carlisle	649	351	54	419 17 8	577 5 6	997 3 2	66 0 0	1063 3 2	1465 0 0	76 0 0	1541 0 0
5	Darlington	453	238	52	189 14 4	182 3 5	371 17 9	200 0 0	571 17 9	636 7 6	254 15 0	891 2 6
6	Liverpool	3096	920	30	2009 12 4	1154 16 9	3887 4 1	400 0 0	4287 14 1	3850 0 0	4293 17 8	8143 17 8
7	London	7830	3051	39	4845 11 7	2829 2 2	8915 1 3	400 0 0	9315 1 3	7897 2 5	11021 6 9	18918 0 0
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(a) Congregations in the Third Class which were aid-giving to the amount which they remitted to the Fund.
(b) Congregations under the XI. Regulation.
(c) Congregations under the XII. Regulation, which simply receive back the amount they remit.
(d) For part of the year only.

JOHN M. ROSS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE JEWISH MISSION COMMITTEE,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

BEFORE entering on a detailed account of the work done, your Committee may be allowed to observe that everywhere, in Central and Western Europe, as well as in the East of London, Jewish Mission work becomes more difficult every year. It is generally supposed that in a Jewish Mission we have to deal with people who, although they may be enthralled by Talmudical and Rabbinical traditions and practices, yet know and believe in Moses and the Prophets. That supposition is, however, and always was, erroneous. An orthodox Rabbinical Jew knows, as a rule, little more of the Old Testament than what is recited at the Synagogue Service, or quoted in Talmudical or Rabbinical writings. There are some, it is true, who have studied the Old Testament; but not being able to deliver themselves from early imbibed impressions or prejudices, and from the contracting and warping influences of Talmudical study, having recourse, moreover, to the commentaries written by Talmudical or Rabbinical Jews, the veil remains over their eyes while they read Moses and the Prophets, and they are perhaps the most difficult of all to deal with. Even in the East of Europe, however, the Talmud is beginning to lose ground, and perhaps in another generation the Jews there will have sunk down to the level of those in the West, Centre, and North of Europe, where the mass of the Jews have rejected, along with the Talmud, Moses and the Prophets, and their whole religion consists in the acknowledgment of the abstract and absolute unity of God, and a vague hope of immortality. If even the orthodox Rabbinical Jew has no notion of the true nature of sin, much less can it be expected from the neological, or rather infidel Jew. Hence the difficulty of dealing with him is all the greater, as there is no common ground at all, except that of natural religion. Add to this that the Jewish periodicals have, for a considerable time, been popularising the results of the extreme negative school of Christian theology, and making their readers acquainted with everything that can favour the idea of Christianity losing its hold upon the mind of the intelligent, and upon the hearts of the masses, and it will be seen how difficult it is to deal with such people These difficulties are referred to mainly with the view of impressing upon the Synod how much our missionary stands in need of the sympathy and prayers of the Church.

Your Mission in the course of the year sustained severe trial by the sudden withdrawal of the assistant to the missionary, aggravated by the circumstances which led to it, and by the partial failure of Mr. Meyer's

health. After a short period of entire rest, Mr. Meyer's health was so far restored that he was able to undertake a journey to the East of Europe last autumn with the view of gathering information to guide the Committee in coming to a decision regarding a field for a new mission.

On his return home, your missionary was able to resume his work in the East of London; and it is with thankfulness that we can report that though his bodily vigour has not been completely restored, he has been enabled to prosecute his work from day to day with unimpaired zeal and energy. As he could not carry on the work single-handed, a temporary assistant was appointed in October last, who has approved himself by his zeal and devotedness. His chief work has been visiting and superintending the Reading Room. In visiting he has manifested great zeal, skill, and courage, and has carried the Gospel message into many households, thus reaching the females who otherwise cannot be reached at all; in the coffee and dining houses frequented by Jews, he has come into contact with many a son of Abraham, and testified of Christ as the only Saviour; even in the streets he addresses them. Sometimes he has met with encouragement, finding people who gladly hear the tidings he brings to them; but more frequently he meets with indifference and hostility, and has to bear mockery and abuse. Though unable to do as much in the way of visiting as in former years, your Missionary has taken his share in that work.

It was no doubt owing to the time and labour bestowed on the visiting, that the *Reading Room* proved decidedly successful last winter, and fully answered the purpose for which it was established. It is open every day (the Lord's day of course excepted) from 5 to 8.30 p.m., and it has been full almost every day. And as Jews will not sit together and simply read the papers, religious discussions were carried on almost every evening, at which the assistant manifested his skill, while Mr. Meyer was engaged in speaking to the individual enquirers, and instructing the candidates for baptism. Frequently after having discharged that part of his duties, Mr. Meyer repaired to the Reading Room, and there delivered a short address, which was always listened to with marked attention.

The influence of the Reading Room on the public services was very marked. At the Friday Evening Meeting, devoted to the exposition of the Old Testament Scriptures, there were several times as many as twenty-four Jews present, and even at the Prayer Meeting on Wednesday evening and at the Sunday Afternoon Service a considerable number of Jews attended. One Wednesday evening there were fourteen Jews among the twenty-two persons present. The Friday Evening Meeting was suspended during Mr. Meyer's absence in summer, but the other two services were regularly carried on throughout the year. The attendance, considering all the circumstances, has been very satisfactory and encouraging, and by means of these meetings good has been done both to Jews and Gentiles. The result is most distinctly seen in the number of

Enquirers, *i.e.*, persons who received special religious instruction. They amounted to thirty-four. Some of them withdrew, others were sent away because there was reason to think they were actuated by

impure motives. Some your missionary was obliged to part from with a sorrowing heart, as a work of grace evidently had begun in their souls; but as they were poor, and could find no work in London, they had to go elsewhere in search of employment. Among these were two heads of families, anxious to confess Christ, the wives being ready to follow their husbands. One was baptised in the course of the year, after having given full evidence that a saving work had gone on in his soul; seven remain under instruction, four of whom are likely soon to make a public profession of Christ, and to be baptised in His name.

The *Converts* have occupied a considerable portion of the time of the missionary. They constantly require spiritual advice and help; and it is but natural that in all their outward troubles and difficulties too they should first of all come to the missionary who, in the hand of God, was the means of leading them to Christ, whereby they were translated from a society and circumstances which they knew, and in which they had learned to move, into such as are entirely strange to them. As regards the consistency of their walk and conversation, there are some who give much sorrow and pain. Notwithstanding all caution used in baptising, it will always be found that some who hear and receive the Word with joy after all belong to those in whom the Word has fallen on stony ground or among the thorns, so that it is scorched or choked. It is so among the converts in a revival movement at home, and in every mission to the heathen, and it can scarcely be expected that it should be otherwise in the Jewish Mission. But there are others also who walk worthily of the vocation wherewith they were called, adorning the doctrine of God their Saviour. Yea, there are some who are burning and shining lights, and are now engaged in leading others to that Saviour whom they themselves have found. One of these, who confessed Jesus a year ago, is now studying for the ministry in Edinburgh, and it is hoped will, in due time, become a powerful instrument in the hand of the Lord for spreading the light and the knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ among his brethren according to the flesh.

In accordance with the instructions of last Synod, your Committee has carefully considered the question of the extension of the Mission. By their appointment Mr. Meyer visited the East of Europe in autumn last to make inquiries regarding the most necessitous and most promising field for a new Mission on the Continent. A very full and valuable Report of this visit of inquiry was laid before your Committee by Mr. Meyer, which was afterwards printed and sent to all the ministers of the Church. Having carefully considered the facts and recommendations embodied in that Report, the Committee in November last adopted the following resolution :—

That, in order to carry out the finding of the Synod with regard to the extension of the Mission, this Committee having commissioned the Rev. Theodore J. Meyer to seek out the best and most hopeful sphere for work among Jews, and now having heard his report, resolve to establish a Mission in Czernowitz, and in the meantime decide to circulate the information contained in said report with the view of awakening a liberal response in January next. The Committee also resolve to instruct their official members to make the necessary inquiries regarding suitable agents, expenses, &c., and to report.

Your Committee consider that if this Mission is to be adequately equipped, it ought to have a staff of at least three agents—an ordained missionary, an educated assistant who is a Talmudical scholar and a good linguist, and a colporteur. The sum necessary for the maintenance of a Mission on this scale would not be less than £800 a-year. The Committee regret that, notwithstanding a considerable increase on the Fund by the collection of this year, the amount received falls far short of what is required; and keeping in view the clause with which the last Synod qualified their instruction in regard to founding a new Mission—viz., "with due regard to the funds placed at their disposal by the Church," they have not felt warranted to make any appointment, or to commit themselves to any arrangement, with a view to the establishment of the proposed Mission. It is possible that the requisite funds would be readily supplied by our people, if your Committee were able to announce that the new Mission was actually at work. And if the Synod shall, in its wisdom, decide that it is the duty of the Church to do more on behalf of Israel, and to go forward at once to take possession of a new field, your Committee have little doubt that the liberality of those among us to whom Israel is dear for the fathers' sake—and yet more for Jesus' sake—will respond to your faith and supply all the money that is lacking, without loss to any—we believe rather with gain to all—of the other enterprises of our beloved Church.

ROBERT TAYLOR,
Convener.

REPORT ON EXTENSION OF JEWISH MISSION,

PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE BY

THE REV. THEO. J. MEYER.

That we must extend our Jewish Mission, if we mean to keep up the interest of our people in it, is, I think, generally admitted. The question, then, simply is, whether we are to strengthen our London Mission, or to set up a station in some other City of Great Britain, or are to establish a station somewhere on the Continent.

In discussing this question, it must be kept in mind that after sixty-seven years of missionary labour in England and the Continent of Europe, as far as it was opened, the universal experience of Missionaries is, that little or no access is to be got to the resident and native Jewish population, and that it is chiefly among the floating Jewish population that they find a field of labour; and that in Protestant and highly-civilised countries, where the Jews are fully emancipated, and where they freely avail themselves of the educational establishments of the country, access to them gets all the more difficult. The fact that the attempt made last year here in London at reaching the educated British Jews, by means of special lectures by the most eminent men of various Churches, turned out a failure, confirms the truth of this experience

In another point, too, the experience of all Jewish Missionaries agrees, and that is, that while it is most difficult to deal with a Jew who is still held in bondage by the Talmudical system, it is much more difficult to deal with so-called neological or reformed Jews. The Reformed movement within Judaism, which began sixty or seventy years ago, and on which Christians then looked so hopefully, has arrived at a shallow, rationalistic Deism, and is threatening to end in downright Nihilism.

Returning now to the question before us, I shall take up the three alternatives suggested at the beginning.

I.—London.

The Jewish population of London is about 35,000 ; *i.e.*, fully one-half of all the Jews living in Great Britain. Of these 35,000, however, no more than 4000 or 5000 are in any way accessible to the Missionary, if even so many ; they live chiefly in the East of London, and among them there are more than twenty labourers. Hence it is unavoidable that they should tread upon one another's heels. The disadvantage and injurious consequences of such a state of things are too obvious to require description. *London as a field for Jewish Missions is at this moment overworked.* The British Society and the London City Mission are beginning to see that, and are thinking of reorganising their staff, *i.e.*, of diminishing it. No doubt our mission is at the present moment, owing to the loss of Mr. Friedberg, and to my continued illness, in an unsatisfactory condition ; but it may be safely asserted that now that I have been restored to a fair amount of health and strength, it will, without incurring any heavier expense than formerly, in a short time be as efficient as ever. An undue increase of labourers is useless, unless the material on which to labour be increased too, and that is beyond the power of the Committee ; on the contrary, owing to various causes, the emigration of foreign Jews has greatly decreased during the last two or three years, and with it our material to labour. The only way of increasing the latter would be to add to our Mission a so-called "Home" and an "Operative Institution"—and of that the Committee hitherto would not hear. It has been said that we should strive to establish a "Hebrew-Christian Congregation." It would indeed be a very great thing, and would tell powerfully if it *could* be effected. But quite apart from the teaching of history in this respect, and from the consideration that so long as the Lord allows Israel to remain a "scattered" nation, an attempt of this kind seems almost an attempt at upsetting the Lord's will, the converted Jew, delivered by his conversion from his painful isolation, does not at all wish to isolate himself anew, but wishes to become a member of a Christian Congregation. The fact, too, that most of those who are converted and baptised by Missionaries are poor, often *very* poor, as regards the goods of this world, works as an obstacle in this direction. They are scattered over all London, and must be so in order to make a living. To attend the services in the Mission Hall would impose upon them sacrifices of time and money which most of them could ill afford, and which no one has a right to demand of them.

Finding, then, that London affords very little, if any, encouragement for enlarging our Mission, let us

II.—Consider the Provincial Towns.

In none of them is the Jewish resident population large enough to justify the appointment of a special Missionary, and there is in all of them an absence of the floating population of which I spoke above. The largest Jewish community is at *Manchester*. It has 3000 to 4000 souls, but the British Society has there one agent, and the London Society two or three, and these regularly visit Leeds, Hull, Newcastle, and other towns. At *Birmingham*, where there

are about 2500 Jews, the British Society has a Missionary, and at *Liverpool* (1200 to 1300 Jews) the London Society has an agent. It would therefore seem that in this direction there is neither room for extension nor any special call for us to go there. We therefore

III.—Look to the Continent.

The number of Jews in *France* is small. At Paris and Bordeaux the largest Jewish communities are to be found, and at the former place the London Society has a station. Alsatia and Lorraine, where there are about 40,000 Jews, now belong to the German Empire, and both the Free Church of Scotland and the London Society have a station at Strasburg. The number of Jews in *Switzerland* is small, and the Basle Society labours among them and among the Jews in the adjacent provinces of Baden and Wurtemburg. *Belgium* has too few Jews to be thought of as a Mission field. *Holland* has 70,000 to 80,000 Jews, but two Dutch Societies (one in connection with the "Afgescheidene," *i.e.*, Free Dutch Reformed Church), the London Society, and the Free Church of Scotland are labouring among them, and they have thus their full share of Missionary labour.—In the *German Empire* there are about half a million of Jews. Four Societies connected with German Churches and supported by German Christians are labouring amongst them, and besides, the Free Church of Scotland, the Irish Presbyterian Church, the London and British Societies have stations in the principal cities, so that not only all the principal places are occupied, but in some of them two or three different Societies are competing with each other (in Hamburg and Breslau, *e.g.*, there are Missionaries of three different Societies or Churches). Besides, as the Jewish Reform movement took its origin in Germany, and has there been longest at work, its effects, too, are there most palpable, and for the reasons stated at the beginning Missionary labour among Jews is there most difficult, almost impossible. As a rule (and the exceptions are few and far between), you find there people of Jewish descent, but they have sunk down altogether to the level of their unbelieving German fellow-citizens; and a Jewish Mission, efficiently carried out, must of necessity become a German Home Mission—and that must be carried on by the Germans themselves.

In *Russia*, including those provinces which formerly formed part of the kingdom of Poland, there are about two and a half millions of Jews, *i.e.*, almost one-third of the whole nation. They live there under great oppression and in great darkness, and owing to these causes they form a distinct portion of the population. For that reason they should be kept in view as a most necessitous and inviting sphere of labour. For the present, however, the law of the country excludes foreign Missionaries from Russia proper, and it is only in the former Polish provinces that the Missionaries of the London Society have received a very strict permission to labour. Perhaps the favour granted to the London Society might be extended to others also; but the political crisis which Russia is now going through does not encourage us even to make any attempts in this direction.

So *Austria* alone remains. About 1,380,000 Jews are living in the various parts and provinces of the Empire. As Hungary and Bohemia are occupied by the Free Church of Scotland, and in Austria proper the London and British Societies are labouring; and as in Jewish Missions, even more than in Heathen Missions, it is most desirable that the various agents and agencies should not interfere with each other, we are thus shut up to the Eastern provinces of Austria, viz., Galicia and Bukowina; and in the tour of inquiry which, by the wish of the Committee, I undertook last summer, I limited myself to these two countries. Both of them offer excellent Mission fields, for the following reasons:—

1. On account of *the number of Jews.*—In Galicia 10.6 per cent., and in Bukowina 9.5 per cent., of the inhabitants are Jews, so that the former contains about 570,000, the latter about 50,000. There is scarcely a village in which there are not some Jewish families to be found; but they chiefly congregate in the towns and cities. There they are to be found in large numbers, frequently forming one-third or one-half of the whole population, and in two instances, Brody and Tarnopol, even *out-numbering* the Christian population. (In Brody there are 20,000 to 25,000 Jews among 30,000 to 35,000 inhabitants, and at Tarnopol 20,000 Jews among 35,000 inhabitants.) There are in these two provinces eight towns in which the Jewish population exceeds 10,000, and four in which it reaches or exceeds 20,000, viz., Cracow, Lemberg, Brody, and Tarnopol.

2. On account of the *moral and religious condition* of the Jews.—Although they are fully emancipated, and enjoy the same political privileges as their Christian fellow-citizens, and although they (at any rate, a good many) get their children educated in the public schools, which the Austrian Government is now establishing everywhere, yet they have remained Jews. Although they now may live anywhere, they prefer living in their Jewish quarters, near their synagogues. (At Cracow and Lemberg even the so-called "temples," *i.e.*, the synagogues of the Reform Jews, are in the Jewish quarters.) The great majority still appear in their old, peculiar dress, thus showing that they are not ashamed of being recognised as Jews. Although the study of the Talmud is beginning to decline, yet they are in the main still *orthodox* Jews, acknowledging the necessity of authority in matters of religion. Whenever, in my many conversations with them, I quoted some Old Testament passage in Hebrew, the christological application of which was not too obvious, it was at once received and submitted to. The Reform movement has as yet made very little progress and impression. Only in Cracow, Lemberg, and Czernowitz there are "temples;" but the "reforms" introduced there are entirely limited to the outward form of the service, while in substance they have not changed anything. At Cracow I listened in the "temple" to a German sermon, which, as to its matter, was strictly rabbinical, and even in point of form often passed over into the old rabbinical "Derashah." There is little doubt that in these provinces, too, this Reform movement will gain strength, and bring on the same sad results as in Germany; but in the meanwhile the Jews of Galicia and Bukowina are still orthodox. The Missionary would have with them the common ground of the Divine inspiration of the Old Testament. By the help of the Holy Spirit he might, by means of that Old Testament, lead a Jew from the Talmud and the Rabbis to Christ and the New Testament. For doing so there seems just now to be the proper time in these two provinces. Wait some years and the Missionaries would have to prove to the Jews that there is a God, and that that God can and did reveal Himself to Moses and the Prophets.

3. On account of the *general moral and religious condition of these provinces.*—In Galicia 88 per cent. of the population are Roman Catholics, and 1.4 per cent. only Protestants; in Bukowina 73.5 per cent. are Greek Orthodox, 14.5 per cent. Roman Catholic, 2.5 Protestants. In both these provinces Evangelical religion is thus even numerically very feebly represented; spiritually it is still more so. All the ministers are Rationalists; in not one of the so-called Evangelical Churches, whether of the "Augsburg" or "Helvetic" Confession (to speak in the Austrian technical style), is the true Gospel of Christ preached. What the Roman Catholic Church teaches and *is*, we all know. The Greek Oriental Church, although doctrinally occupying a higher and better platform, is in practice even worse than the Roman Catholic Church. That the people are therefore steeped in ignorance and superstition, and given to immorality and vices of various kinds

will astonish no one. From whence is the light of the Gospel to come to the numerous Jews living in these provinces, except it be brought to them by Missionaries sent to them by believing Evangelical Churches? Although there were not one single Jewish Missionary labouring in Great Britain, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, yet it could not be said that the Jews of these countries were left without a witness of the truth as it is in Jesus. On the other hand, let the Jewish Missionaries labouring in these countries be ever so much increased and blessed in their labours, except in a few and exceptional cases (such as Dr. Cappadose and Dr. Da Costa), their converts would scarcely exercise any perceptible influence on the existing Evangelical Churches. But the matter stands quite differently in Galicia and Bukowina. There the Jews must perish for lack of knowledge, unless Missionaries be *sent* to them. And a successful Jewish Mission in these countries could not but favourably react on the Christian Churches. The Jewish Mission would, by the very force of circumstances, become a centre of light and life—would become a general Evangelistic Mission, just as has been the case with the Free Church Jewish Missions in Hungary and Bohemia; and, while thus freed from the isolation which hitherto has been the mildew on Jewish Mission, it would attract the sympathy and support of all the friends of Continental Missions. And the experience which during my short stay in these provinces I made with several of its Protestant ministers entitles me to say that I am not too sanguine in these my expectations.

If these premises be granted, the question comes up, *In what part or place* of these two provinces a Mission Station is to be established? It is not very easy to fix on a place which is to be the centre of our Missionary operations when there is everywhere such need. That such a place, however, should be central in every sense of the word will, I think, be admitted by everyone. And, inasmuch as we mean, *primo loco*, to establish a Jewish Mission, it ought to be not only a place with a numerous resident Jewish population, but also a place which is frequently visited by Jews from other parts, and from which other Jewish communities can be easily reached. For this reason we must pass by Brody, Tarnopol, and other places, because they are country towns. The Jewish influence is all-powerful in them; the Missionary would be entirely isolated, and no external help or support to the Missionary or his future converts could be expected in them. We are thus limited to three cities—*Cracow*, *Lemberg*, and *Czernowitz*. As the first two are occupied by the London Society, we are thus shut up to *Czernowitz*. But even if that had not been the case, I should have given the preference to it for the following reasons:—

1. Bukowina, of which it is the capital, has a less developed national character than Galicia. While of the population of Galicia 88 per cent. are Sclavonians (43 per cent. pure Poles, 45 per cent. Ruthenians), in Bukowina 38 per cent. of the population are Roumanians, 41 per cent. Ruthenians, 1½ per cent. Poles, 17½ per cent. Jews and Germans, 2 per cent. of mixed nationalities. Owing to these differing elements in the population, Austria had no difficulty in introducing the German language, which is understood by all, although each nationality keeps up and uses its own language. Czernowitz is, to all intents and purposes, a German town.

2. Bukowina is less Roman Catholic than Galicia. The majority of its population, 73½ per cent., belong to the Greek Oriental Church, which is less intolerant and more accessible than the Roman Catholic Church.

3. Czernowitz itself numbers at least 12,000 Jews among its 50,000 inhabitants; but in Bukowina large Jewish communities are to be found at Sadagura, Zastowna, Radautz, Wosnitz. Czernowitz has, moreover, easy connection by rail with Galicia and Moldavia, and their large Jewish com-

munities, and will shortly get a railway to Bessarabia, too, in which likewise a great many Jews are living. With all these countries it has even now much commercial intercourse, which, no doubt, when once peace is restored, will be greatly increased, so that the influence of the Mission would be felt in all of them.

4. While Bukowina is more advanced in agriculture and industry than Galicia, and, in consequence, enjoys greater prosperity, more also has been done there for the education of the people. Most of the villages are already provided with elementary schools, and Czernowitz possesses, besides the Municipal, Jewish, and Greek Oriental, Elementary Schools, also a higher school for females, a Gymnasium (grammar school), Commercial, Polytechnic, and Agricultural Schools, and a University with the faculties of theology (Greek Catholic), philosophy, and law, and a separate theological seminary in connection with the Greek Oriental Church, attended by fifty students. With the exception of the last-mentioned institution, the German language is the medium of instruction. All these educational establishments offer a fine promising field of labour for the Missionary.

I might have added another reason in favour of Czernowitz, viz., that its situation is healthier, and living, with the exception of house rent, cheaper than either at Cracow or at Lemberg; but as that is a subordinate consideration, I shall not dwell on it.

Great *difficulties* to Missionary labour are no doubt offered by the Austrian law; but the example of Mr. Moody, the Free Church Jewish Missionary at Prague, shows that operations are nevertheless possible. Most of these difficulties can be evaded by prudence and common sense, and at any rate it is only by encountering them that they can be overcome. The law allows us to come there, allows us to work up to a certain length, and that is enough for us. The greater difficulty will it to find a suitable Missionary, for he must not only be a thoroughly educated theologian, able to speak, discuss, and preach in German, but must also possess a thorough knowledge of the Talmud and Jewish theology. As it would be difficult to find these qualifications united in one person, we might appoint one of our Ministers to be the head of the Mission, and give him as an Assistant a converted Jew well versed in the Talmud and Jewish theology. Add to them a Colporteur, and the staff is complete. The probable expense would be between £600 and £700 per annum.

I cannot, however, close this without mentioning that at Berlin my attention was directed to Posen, the capital of the Prussian Province of Posen, as a most inviting sphere for Missionary labour. It had formerly been occupied by the London Society, but owing to some disagreeable affairs their Missionary left, and the place has ever since remained vacant; and even an Assistant who had been left behind has since, in consequence of a sore throat and old age, become utterly inefficient. The Berlin Society for a time intended to occupy the place, but they had neither the man nor the means, and are now very anxious that we should go there. This came upon me quite unexpectedly, and was so powerfully urged, that I felt it to be my duty to visit Posen and inquire more particularly; and the result of this inquiry is, that Posen indeed offers a most inviting sphere for Missionary labour.

The Province of Posen contains among 1,500,000 inhabitants 500,000 Evangelicals and about 100,000 Jews. The city of Posen has 40,000 inhabitants, among whom there are 8000 Jews. The majority of the Ministers of the Evangelical Church of the Province are orthodox; at Posen itself there are five Evangelical congregations, the ministers of which are all of them orthodox, and some very warm-hearted and zealous. Among the members of the congregations, too, there is much life. All the Ministers of the city of Posen would

heartily welcome us and help us to the best of their power. But they all thought that the London Society had not given up Posen, but intended to resume their labours there. Before doing anything we should, therefore, have to ascertain from the London Society what are their intentions in reference to Posen. But even if this difficulty were removed, there are others more serious. The Jews of Posen (city and province), although outwardly still orthodox, have already entered on the inclined plain of Reformed Judaism, and are, therefore, more difficult to deal with than the Jews of Galicia and Bukowina. The Jews of the city of Posen are, moreover, rich and most influential (27 of the 30 Town Councillors are Jews!) and have the whole Liberal Press at their command, and would not only closely watch all the steps and proceedings of the Missionary, but also assail him in every way possible.

Although these difficulties are great, yet they are not so terrible as to induce us to give up the idea if otherwise our way were quite clear. The real question, however, is, Where is the greater and greatest need of Missionary labour among the Jews—at Posen or at Czernowitz? And farther, Where has our Mission greater prospect of becoming a blessing to the Churches of the country—at Posen or at Czernowitz? These questions cannot but be answered in favour of Czernowitz. That was the opinion of Mr. Edward, Free Church Jewish Missionary at Breslau, who knows both the provinces and cities from personal experience. That, too, was the opinion of Dr. Delitzsch, Leipzig, that aged, tried, and intelligent friend of Jewish Missions, whom I consulted on my return. After having heard my statements in reference to both the places, and after having convinced himself, by consulting maps and books, that what I said about Czernowitz was true, he would no more hear of Posen, but encouraged me by all means to impress upon the Committee to take possession, in the name of the Lord, of Czernowitz and Bukowina.

THE JEWISH MISSION—IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER.

FOR YEAR 1877—1878.

Dr. *Cr.*

1878.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Feb. 28.	To Salaries—						
,,	Rev. T. J. Meyer, for year to Christmas, 1877	450	0	0			
,,	Mr. Julius Friedberg, two months to 30th April, 1877	33	6	8			
,,	Mr. Caplan, four and a-half months to date	28	2	6			
,,	Dr. W. B. Joseffy, one month to 11th March, 1878	10	0	0			
					521	9	2
,,	Housekeeper's Wages				6	12	6
,,	Rent of Whitechapel Road premises to Christmas, 1877, less £1 1s. paid for Income Tax				78	19	0
,,	Gas and Coals				14	3	9
,,	Mrs. Friedberg, Gift				16	13	4
,,	Synod Treasurer—						
	Proportion of Printing Reports of Committees, &c.	5	9	0			
	Do. of Travelling Expenses of Presbyteries' Representatives	18	15	0			
					24	4	0
,,	College Treasurer—						
	Proportion of Expenses at Synod's Committee Meeting	3	6	9			
	Committee's use of College Rooms, 1877-78	5	0	0			
					8	6	9
,,	Ranken & Co.—						
	Printing Pew Notices, Reports, &c. ...				24	0	3
,,	Henderson, Rait, and Fenton—						
	Printing Circulars, &c....				1	17	4
,,	Rev. T. J. Meyer—						
	Travelling Expenses to Germany, Galicia, &c.	34	7	5			
	Supply during absence and illness ...	13	14	0			
	Reading Room	7	11	8			
	Bibles, Tracts, and Hymn Books ...	4	3	1			
	Sundry Expenses	2	16	6			
					62	12	8
,,	Insurance of Plate Glass Window ...				0	12	0
,,	Postages				1	17	0
,,	Balance				1120	0	9
					£1881	8	6

Audited and found correct,
London, March 27, 1878.

T. D. THOMSON,
Auditor.

1877.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Feb. 28.	By Balance in hand from Last Year's Account				733	9	11
1878.	Collections—						
Feb. 28.	,, Presbytery of Berwick	9	1	0			
,,	,, Birmingham	9	7	8			
,,	,, Bristol	30	16	9			
,,	,, Carlisle	11	9	7			
,,	,, Darlington	25	0	0			
,,	,, Liverpool	120	6	7			
,,	,, London	352	10	7			
,,	,, Manchester	33	9	10			
,,	,, Newcastle-on-Tyne ...	68	11	6			
,,	,, Northumberland... ...	27	9	8			
,,	Ashbourne (Derbyshire) Free Church of England	15	8	3			
					703	11	5
	Associations—						
,,	Presbytery of Carlisle	10	13	4			
,,	,, Liverpool...	22	14	6			
,,	,, London	188	10	6			
,,	,, Manchester	29	6	6			
					251	4	10
,,	Sabbath Schools				...	...	24 10 10
,,	Collecting Cards				...	...	10 5 0
,,	Missionary Boxes				...	...	1 12 0
,,	Donations				...	...	35 19 6
,,	Special Donations, per Union Thanksgiving Fund				...	...	60 15 0
							£1881 8 6

March 1. By Balance in hand (to meet Expenditure for year 1878-9) £1120 0 9

JAMES S. NESS, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE UNION THANKSGIVING FUND,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

In presenting their second Report the Committee regret that they are not able to announce any large additions to the Fund.

The following is a comparative statement of the total amount promised for the various schemes at present and corresponding date last year.

	April, 1877.			April, 1878.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Right reserved to allocate .	9,169	10	0	10,110	9	6
General Fund	42,149	18	2	44,836	16	1
Debt Liquidation	3	15	0	3	15	0
Church Extension	406	11	0	1,618	18	0
Theological Education . . .	15,534	3	0	15,585	4	0
Foreign Missions	662	18	6	752	3	0
Jewish Missions	60	15	0	70	14	0
Local Purposes	40,319	6	7	52,852	10	0
	£108,306	17	3	£125,830	9	7

And of these amounts the following sums have been received by, or accounted for to the General Treasurer.

	£	s.	d.
Right reserved to allocate	1,820	0	0
General Fund	12,822	15	5
Debt Liquidation			
Church Extension	156	12	0
Theological Education	12,832	14	6
Foreign Missions	191	7	0
Jewish Missions	68	4	0
Local Purposes	25,960	15	11
	£53,852	8	10

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, the Synod authorised the distribution of the sum of £10,000, which it was believed would be available for the objects contemplated under the head of General Fund, and appointed a Committee for the purpose, composed as follows :—

The Executive Committee of the Thanksgiving Fund, with the

Conveners and Treasurers of the Home Mission, Foreign Missions, Jewish Mission, College, Church Building, and Sustentation Fund Committees.

The Committee thought it right, for reasons which will be obvious, to invite the Conveners and Treasurers of the Local Committees in each Presbytery to co-operate with them in the somewhat delicate and difficult duty assigned to them.

The Committee thus constituted met in Liverpool on 26th of June, 1877, and after long and patient discussion adopted the following division of the sum at their disposal :—

I.—Liquidation of Debt		£5000	
II.—Church Extension—			
Home Mission . . .	£1000		
Church Building . .	2500		
	———	3500	
III.—College Committee		1000	
IV.—Foreign Missions		500	
		———	£10,000

The sums allocated to the Home Mission Fund, Church Building, College, and Foreign Missions Committees were at once handed over to these several Committees, the Distribution Committee being charged with the duty of distributing the £5000 set apart for Debt-Liquidation.

In reply to an announcement through the periodicals of the Church that they were prepared to assist congregations under certain conditions in the reduction or extinction of their debt, twenty-nine applications were received. On examination it was found that in five of these the necessary requirements had not been complied with, three others did not come within the scope of the Fund in their present circumstances, leaving twenty-one therefore to be dealt with.

After careful investigation of each case, proposals were made to eleven congregations having an aggregate debt of £11,928, by which, with the aid of grants from the Committee amounting to £4000, that debt would be entirely extinguished; and to ten others having debt amounting to £28,050, a sum of not less than £10,865 would be liquidated by the aid of grants from the Committee amounting to £4850.

These proposals were in all cases thankfully accepted by the ministers and office-bearers of the congregations in question, and the arrangements come to are being completed as rapidly as circumstances will permit. Grants amounting to £1750 have already been paid away, against a total of £2241 raised by the recipients in respect of them, and it is probable that the remainder of the grants, amounting to £7100, will, with the exception of £1000, be all called for before the next meeting of Synod.

The Committee anticipated that the second instalments of subscriptions to the General Fund would have placed a sum of not less than £7500 at the disposal of the Synod for the year 1878-9. But they regret to announce that owing to the depression in trade an extension of time for payment of a considerable sum has been found necessary. A number of the contributions for the General Fund have been paid up in full, and are included in the balance shown by the Treasurer's statement to be in

hand on General Account—in addition to which it is feared that not more than £1700 can reasonably be expected during the present year from instalments unpaid; it thus appears that the sum to be dealt with by the Synod on the present occasion is somewhat as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Cash Balance	3659	19	6
Estimated further receipts	1700	0	0
	£5359	19	6

As to the mode of dealing with this amount, the Committee would point out that grants for debt liquidation exceeding by £3850 the amount placed at the disposal of the Distribution Committee, were made in anticipation of a further sum becoming available as it was required to meet them. Deducting the £1000 which as above stated will not be called for during the present year, £2850 will require to be set apart for this purpose, leaving a balance of £2500 for fresh distribution.

The Committee would suggest that, having regard to the great and manifest practical benefit produced by relief from pressing debt through judiciously administered grants in aid, the Distribution Committee should be authorised to deal with the whole of this sum for the same purpose. In connection with which it may be well for the Synod to consider whether the £3327 15s. 5d. standing at the credit of the old Debt Extinction Fund might not be advantageously dealt with in conjunction with this Fund, the two Committees being associated together for the purpose.

The Committee have before them a number of pressing applications for aid in debt liquidation which they cannot deal with till further authorised by the Synod.

While they feel that the practice of incurring debt—unless in very exceptional circumstances—cannot be too strongly discouraged by the Synod, the fact remains that a number of congregations are thus burdened, and that they, and the Church through them, suffer in consequence. Were it possible by means of grants in aid to relieve any considerable number of such congregations, not only they, but the whole Church, would benefit, and her various schemes would be helped by the setting free of resources now crippled by the pressure of debt.

The Committee, therefore, think that for the present, at least, no more legitimate method of dealing with the Thanksgiving Fund can be suggested by them.

It will be for the other Committees which have participated in the Fund to give an account to the Synod of the use they have made of the money. The Committee, however, cannot doubt that on the whole the Fund has already been the means of great blessing to the Church, and that it has still before it abundant opportunities of usefulness, and they trust, therefore, that the Synod may take the opportunity of again urging its claims on the Church, and especially on congregations which have as yet done little or nothing to aid it. They further request the Synod to recommend that a collection be made in each

congregation annually for the general purposes of the Fund, as by this means many would have an opportunity of giving who would otherwise not contribute, and the Fund would thus also be brought and kept prominently before the attention of the whole Church.

In name of the Committee,

SAMUEL STITT,
THOMAS MATHESON, } *Joint Conveners.*

THOMAS HOLDER AND STEPHEN WILLIAMSON, JOINT-TREASURERS, IN ACCOUNT WITH

Dr. **THE LIQUIDATION OF DEBT FUND.** Cr.

1877.		£	s.	d.
Nov. 1st.	To Cash	5000	0	0
Dec. 31st.	,, Interest allowed by Bank	25	8	5
		£5025	8	5
April 6th.	To Balance in hand	£3275	8	5

1877.		£	s.	d.
Nov. 6th.	By Grant to Jarrow	100	0	0
7th.	,, ,, Hammersmith, London ...	400	0	0
Dec. 29th.	,, ,, Waterloo Church, Liverpool ...	150	0	0
	,, ,, Kensington, London	100	0	0
1878.				
Jan. 4th.	,, ,, St. Nicholas', Shrewsbury ...	200	0	0
21st.	,, ,, St. Andrew's, Ramsbottom ...	200	0	0
23rd.	,, ,, Worcester	400	0	0
Mch. 22nd.	,, ,, St. Nicholas', Shrewsbury ...	50	0	0
27th.	,, ,, New John Street, Birmingham ...	150	0	0
April 6th.	,, Balance	3275	8	5
		£5025	8	5

E. & O. E.

THOMAS HOLDER,
STEPHEN WILLIAMSON, } *Joint-Treasurers.*

We have examined the above account, and find the same correctly stated and vouched. Balance in hand in the Commercial Bank, Three Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds Eight Shillings and Five Pence.

CUMMING ANDREWS,
THOMAS MOFFAT, } *Auditors.*

Liverpool, *9th April*, 1878.

Dr. THOMAS HOLDER & STEPHEN WILLIAMSON, JOINT-TREASURERS,

	Right Reserved to Allocate.	General Fund.	Designated Synod Schemes.	Designated Local Purposes.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balances in hand 13th April, 1877	1170 0 0	2508 6 8	356 0 0	178 0 0	4212 6 8
„ Amounts received from—	...	...	...	...	...
Berwick Presbytery	...	53 0 0	...	...	53 0 0
Birmingham „	...	39 0 0	...	1599 12 4	1638 12 4
Bristol „	...	...	...	547 13 8	547 13 8
Carlisle „	...	18 9 11	28 8 0	56 5 7	103 3 6
Darlington „	...	5039 0 0	...	1279 14 6	6318 14 6
Liverpool „	650 0 0	596 11 0	64 11 6	8718 4 3	10029 6 9
London „	...	2755 7 0	...	6885 14 2	9641 1 2
Manchester „	...	713 13 0	...	2433 3 7	3146 16 7
Newcastle „	...	763 6 0	279 18 0	3127 3 7	4170 7 7
Northumberland Presbytery ...	...	2 2 0	...	35 11 9	37 13 9
General	...	260 0 0	12500 0 0	...	12760 0 0
	1820 0 0	12748 15 7	13228 17 6	24861 3 5	52658 16 6
„ Amount transferred from right reserved to allocate ...	...	1145 0 0	...	...	1145 0 0
„ Interest allowed by Bank ...	...	87 14 8	...	...	87 14 8
	1820 0 0	13981 10 3	13228 17 6	24861 3 5	53891 11 2
„ Balances brought down... ...	650 0 0	3659 19 6	5 0 0	277 0 0	4591 19 6

E. & O. E.

THOMAS HOLDER,
STEPHEN WILLIAMSON, } *Joint-Treasurers.*

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE UNION THANKSGIVING FUND. Cr.

	Right Reserved to Allocate.	General Fund.	Designated Synod Schemes.	Designated Local Purposes.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Payment to Princes Rd. Church, Liverpool	12 10 0	...	...	...	...
,, Payment to Brighton Church ...	12 10 0	...	...	...	25 0 0
,, Grants made by Committee—					
Home Mission Fund	...	1000 0 0	...	...	...
Church Building Fund ...	...	2500 0 0	...	...	...
College Fund	...	1000 0 0	...	...	...
Foreign Missions	...	500 0 0	...	...	...
Liquidation of Debt Fund ...	...	5000 0 0	...	...	...
,, Foreign Missions (Diverted from General Fund at req'st of Donors)	...	5 0 0	...	...	...
,, New Church, York (Diverted from General Fund at req'st of Donors)	...	100 0 0	...	...	10105 0 0
,, Amounts specially designated by Donors—					
Church Extension	...	...	154 12 0	...	...
Theological Education ...	...	...	12830 14 6	...	...
Foreign Missions	...	...	170 7 0	...	...
Jewish Missions	...	...	68 4 0	...	13223 17 6
,, Amounts specially designated by Donors for local purposes, disbursed by Presbyteries—					
Berwick	...	...	...	...	...
Birmingham	...	...	...	1599 12 4	...
Bristol	...	...	..	547 13 8	...
Carlisle	...	...	...	51 5 7	...
Darlington	...	...	...	1279 14 6	...
Liverpool	...	...	...	8698 4 3	...
London	...	...	...	6885 14 2	...
Manchester	...	...	...	2359 3 7	...
Newcastle	...	...	...	3127 3 7	...
Northumberland	...	...	...	35 11 9	24584 3 5
	25 0 0	10105 0 0	13223 17 6	24581 3 5	47938 0 11
,, Amount transferred to General Fund	1145 0 0	...	...	...	1145 0 0
,, Charges, Salaries, Printing, Stationery, Postages, &c.	...	216 10 9	...	...	216 10 9
,, Balances	650 0 0	3659 19 6	5 0 0	277 0 0	4591 19 6
	1820 0 0	13981 10 3	13228 17 6	24861 3 5	53891 11 2

Having examined the Books and Vouchers of the Thanksgiving Fund Account we find the same correct, with a Cash Balance in hand in the Commercial Bank of Four Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety-one Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Sixpence.

CUMMING ANDREWS,
THOMAS MOFFAT, } *Auditors.*

LIVERPOOL, *9th April*, 1878.

UNION THANKSGIVING FUND.—

No.	Name.	Total.	Right Reserved to Allocate.	General Fund.	Debt Liquidation.
	Presbytery of Berwick—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Ancroft Moor				
2	Beaumont Union				
3	Belford—Columba				
4	,, —Erskine				
5	Berwick—Bank Hill	1 0 0	..	1 0 0	..
6	,, —Church Street				
7	,, —Wallace Green	100 0 0	..	100 0 0	..
8	Chatton				
9	Crookham				
10	Etal				
11	Holy Island				
12	Horncliffe	5 0 0	..	5 0 0	..
13	Lowick				
14	Norham—North Church				
15	,, —South Church				
16	Spittal				
17	Tweedmouth				
		106 0 0	..	106 0 0	..
	Presbytery of Birmingham—				
18	Birmingham—Broad Street	540 0 0	..	75 0 0	..
19	,, —Camphill	270 16 0	..	..	..
20	,, —New John Street	236 0 0	..	..	..
21	,, —Smethwick	20 0 0	..	20 0 0	..
22	Burton-on-Trent				
23	Derby	200 0 0	..	..	..
24	Dudley				
25	Hanley	20 0 0	..	20 0 0	..
26	Leicester	325 0 0	..	..	..
27	Nottingham	440 6 6	..	..	..
28	Shrewsbury	309 11 6	..	50 0 0	..
29	Stafford	25 0 0	..	25 0 0	..
30	Wolverhampton	388 0 0	..	..	..
31	Worcester	499 17 4	..	..	..
32	Walsall	800 0 0	..	..	..
		4074 11 4	..	190 0 0	..
	Presbytery of Bristol—				
33	Aberdare				
34	Bristol	100 0 0	65 0 0	35 0 0	..
35	Cardiff	231 18 6	..	..	..
36	Cheltenham				
37	Gloucester	8 0 0	..	..	..
38	Hereford				
39	Plymouth				
	Carried forward	339 18 6	65 0 0	35 0 0	..

To April 6, 1878.

Schemes Adopted by Synod.				Local Purposes.	Amounts paid or accounted for to General Treasurer.	No.
Church Extension.	Theological Education.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Missions.			
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
						1
						2
						3
						4
..	..	..	..	..	1 0 0	5
						6
..	..	..	..	..	100 0 0	7
						8
						9
						10
						11
..	..	..	..	..	2 0 0	12
						13
						14
						15
						16
						17
..	..	..	..	..	103 0 0	
..	..	..	..	465 0 0	75 0 0	18
..	..	..	..	270 16 0	61 12 0	19
..	..	..	..	236 0 0	236 0 0	20
..	..	..	..	..	20 0 0	21
						22
..	..	..	..	200 0 0	70 0 0	23
						24
..	..	..	..	..	4 0 0	25
..	..	..	..	325 0 0	325 0 0	26
..	..	..	..	440 6 6	101 1 6	27
..	..	..	..	259 11 6	269 11 6	28
..	..	..	..	..	25 0 0	29
..	..	..	..	388 0 0	46 10 0	30
..	..	..	..	499 17 4	499 17 4	31
..	..	..	..	800 0 0	..	32
..	..	..	..	3884 11 4	1733 12 4	
						33
..	..	..	..	..	35 0 0	34
..	5 0 0	10 0 0	..	216 18 6	166 3 0	35
						36
..	..	..	..	8 0 0	8 0 0	37
						38
						39
..	5 0 0	10 0 0	..	224 18 6	209 3 0	

No.	Name.	Total.	Right Reserved to Allocate.	General Fund.	Debt Liquidation.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward.....	339 18 6	65 0 0	35 0 0	..
40	Swansea.....				
41	Torquay.....	373 10 8	..	..	..
42	Wyastone Leys.....				
		713 9 2	65 0 0	35 0 0	..
	Presbytery of Carlisle—				
43	Bewcastle				
44	Brampton				
45	Carlisle—Warwick Road.....	54 8 0	..	20 0 0	..
46	,, —Fisher Street	30 0 0	30 0 0	..	..
47	Cleator Moor.....				
48	Great Salkeld				
49	Haltwhistle				
50	Maryport—John Street				
51	,, —Crosby Street.....	5 0 0	5 0 0	..	..
52	Penrith	78 5 0	44 0 0	12 9 11	..
53	Pennruddock.....				
54	Whitehaven—Market Place	65 12 6	..	..	..
55	,, —High Street				
56	Workington				
		233 5 6	79 0 0	32 9 11	..
	Presbytery of Darlington—				
57	Bishop Auckland	25000 0 0	..	25000 0 0	..
58	Crook.....	10 0 0	..	10 0 0	..
59	Darlington.....	801 0 0	160 0 0	100 0 0	..
60	Mount Pleasant, Tudhoe				
61	Grimsby.....				
62	Hartlepool.....				
63	Harrogate				
64	Hull—Holderness Road	500 0 0	500 0 0	..	..
65	,, —Prospect Street.....				
66	,, —Springbank				
67	Middlesborough.....	393 0 0	..	..	..
68	Redcar				
69	Stockton—St. George's	2742 10 0	..	..	..
70	,, —St. Andrew's	35 0 0	..	35 0 0	..
71	Towlaw.....				
72	West Hartlepool	200 0 0	..	..	..
73	Whitby—Trinity	456 15 0	..	..	..
74	York				
		30138 5 0	660 0 0	25145 0 0	..

FUND.—*Continued.*

Schemes Adopted by Synod.				Local Purposes.	Amounts paid or accounted for to General Treasurer.	No.
Church Extension.	Theological Education.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.			
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
..	5 0 0	10 0 0	..	224 18 6	209 3 0	
						40
..	..	..	..	373 10 8	373 10 8	41
						42
..	5 0 0	10 0 0	..	598 9 2	582 13 8	
						43
						44
..	..	3 8 0	..	31 0 0	29 8 0	45
..	..	..	..	..	11 0 0	46
						47
						48
						49
						50
..	..	..	..	..	..	51
..	..	..	..	21 15 1	34 5 0	52
						53
20 0 0	..	5 0 0	..	40 12 6	33 10 6	54
						55
						56
20 0 0	..	8 8 0	..	93 7 7	108 3 6	
..	..	..	..	..	5000 0 0	57
..	..	..	..	..	2 0 0	58
..	..	..	..	541 0 0	311 0 0	59
						60
						61
						62
						63
..	..	..	..	..	..	64
						65
						66
..	..	..	..	393 0 0	233 0 0	67
						68
..	..	..	..	2742 10 0	485 9 6	69
..	..	..	..	..	7 0 0	70
						71
..	..	..	..	200 0 0	50 0 0	72
..	..	..	..	456 15 0	230 5 0	73
						74
..	..	..	..	4333 5 0	6318 14 6	

No.	Name.	Total.	Right Reserved to Allocate.	General Fund.	Debt Liquidation.
	Presbytery of Liverpool—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
75	Barrow-in-Furness				
76	Birkenhead—Claughton	2264 10 0	200 0 0	720 0 0	..
77	,, —Grange Road	479 0 5	..	60 5 0	..
78	,, —Hamilton	53 0 0	..	17 0 0	..
79	,, —St. Andrew's	242 9 0	..	..	..
80	,, —St. Paul's	43 1 0	..	..	..
81	Chester				
82	Douglas	105 9 7	..	..	..
83	Egremont	3182 3 6	..	11 10 0	..
84	Liverpool—Canning Street	7027 2 6	50 0 0	1082 2 6	..
85	,, —Derby Road				
86	,, —Everton Valley	255 0 0	..	..	..
87	,, —Fairfield	1580 3 0	..	270 10 6	..
88	,, —Hyslop Street				
89	,, —Islington	1000 0 0	..	..	..
80	,, —Mount Pleasant	4619 16 6	4319 16 6	300 0 0	..
91	,, —Prince's Park Road				
92	,, —Queen's Road	510 0 0	10 0 0	..	..
93	,, —Shaw Street	5 0 0	..	..	..
94	,, —St. George's				
95	,, —St. Peter's	96 17 0	..	..	..
96	,, —Trinity	105 0 0	..	5 0 0	..
97	,, Vauxhall Road				
98	Parkgate	25 0 0	20 0 0	..	..
99	Ramsey				
100	Rock Ferry	2830 0 0	1100 0 0	1630 0 0	..
101	Southport	600 17 0	..	..	..
102	St. Helen's	50 0 0	..	50 0 0	..
103	Sutton				
104	Waterloo				
105	Robert P. Kerr	10 0 0	..	10 0 0	..
106	Ronald McDougall	250 0 0	..	..	..
		25334 9 6	5699 16 6	4156 8 0	..
	Presbytery of London—				
107	Alderney				
108	Aldershot	400 0 0	..	..	..
109	Aston Tirrold	10 0 0	..	10 0 0	..
110	Bournemouth	925 0 0	..	..	..
111	Brighton—Trinity				
112	,, —Queen's Road				
113	Canterbury				
114	Chatham				
115	Croydon	712 15 0	..	15 0 0	..
116	Demerara				
117	Gravesend				
	Carried forward	2047 15 0	..	25 0 0	..

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Schemes Adopted by Synod.								Local Purposes.			Amounts paid or accounted for to General Treasurer.			No.
Church Extension.			Theological Education.			Foreign Missions.			Jewish Mission							
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
																		75
	..		15	0	0	15	0	0		..		1314	10	0	1654	10	0	76
25	0	0		..		25	0	0	25	0	0	343	15	5	366	12	11	77
0	5	0		..		2	10	0	0	5	0	33	0	0	20	8	0	78
2	7	0	1	6	6	7	4	0	7	9	0	224	2	6	242	9	0	79
	..			..			..			..		43	1	0	43	1	0	80
																		81
	..			..			..			..		105	9	7		..		82
	..			..			..			..		3170	13	6	1467	17	6	83
100	0	0		..		100	0	0		..		5695	0	0	3387	2	6	84
																		85
	..			..		5	0	0		..		250	0	0	255	0	0	86
	..			..			..			..		1309	12	6	1307	13	0	87
																		88
	..			..			..			..		1000	0	0		..		89
	..			..			..			..			..		2437	8	4	90
																		91
	..			..			..			..		500	0	0		..		92
2	10	0		..		2	10	0		..			..		5	0	0	93
																		94
5	0	0		..			..			..		91	17	0	32	0	0	95
	..			..		75	0	0	25	0	0		..		105	0	0	96
																		97
	..			..		5	0	0		..			..		5	0	0	98
																		99
	..			..			..			..		100	0	0	2220	0	0	100
	..			..			..			..		600	17	0		..		101
	..			..			..			..			..		20	0	0	102
																		103
																		104
	..			..			..			..			..		10	0	0	105
250	0	0		..			..			..			..			..		106
385	2	0	16	6	6	237	4	0	57	14	0	14781	18	6	13579	2	3	
																		107
	..			..			..			..		400	0	0		..		108
	..			..			..			..			..		4	0	0	109
	..			..			..			..		925	0	0	575	0	0	110
																		111
																		112
																		113
																		114
10	0	0	10	0	0	20	0	0		..		657	15	0	344	15	0	115
																		116
																		117
10	0	0	10	0	0	20	0	0		..		1982	15	0	923	15	0	

No.	Name.	Total.			Right Reserved to Allocate.			General Fund.			Debt Liquidation.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward.....	2047	15	0		..		25	0	0		..	
118	Guernsey												
119	Holybourne												
120	Ipswich	80	0	0		..			..			..	
121	Jersey.....	12	0	0		..		12	0	0		..	
122	Lewes.....	30	0	0		..		30	0	0		..	
123	London—Belgrave	150	0	0		..			..			..	
124	,, —Bermondsey												
125	,, —Bow Road.....	267	15	8		..			..			..	
126	,, —Brockley												
127	,, —Camberwell	757	17	0		..		7	7	0		..	
128	,, —Camden Road	710	0	0	80	0	0	115	0	0		..	
129	,, —Canonbury.....												
130	,, —Clapham Road	1774	14	0		..		811	18	6		..	
131	,, —Clapton	295	15	0		..			..			..	
132	,, —Crouch Hill	1000	0	0		..		100	0	0		..	
133	,, —Ealing												
134	,, —East India Road												
135	,, —Forest Hill	1275	0	0	1100	0	0	100	0	0		..	
136	,, —Goldington Crescent....												
137	,, —Greenwich.....	471	5	6		..		215	0	0		..	
138	,, —Hammersmith	790	5	8		..			..			..	
139	,, —Hampstead	3052	14	6		..		2501	14	6		..	
140	,, —Highbury	678	15	0	90	0	0	528	15	0		..	
141	,, —Islington	1785	3	6		..			..			..	
142	,, —Kensington	200	0	0		..			..			..	
143	,, —Kingston-on-Thames ..	110	0	0		..			..			..	
144	,, —Marylebone	608	5	0		..		9	18	0		..	
145	,, —Milwall.....												
146	,, —New Barnet												
147	,, —Notting Hill.....	221	0	0		..		196	0	0		..	
148	,, —Old St. Pancras												
149	,, —Regent Square.....	2896	12	6		..		1765	12	6		..	
150	,, —St. John's Wood	3563	18	0		..		2281	8	0		..	
151	,, —South Kensington.....	26	0	0		..		11	0	0		..	
152	,, —Southwark												
153	,, —Stepney.....												
154	,, —Stratford	10	0	0		..			..			..	
155	,, —Streatham.....	483	0	0		..			..			..	
156	,, —Tottenham	144	7	6		..		1	0	0	2	10	0
157	,, —Upper Norwood												
158	,, —Victoria Docks.....	85	0	0		..		10	0	0		..	
159	,, —Wandsworth.....												
160	,, —Westbourne Grove	4050	0	0		..			..			..	
161	,, —Whitfield												
162	,, —Willesden	1000	0	0		..			..			..	
163	,, —Wood Green												
164	,, —Woolwich : St. Andrew's												
	Carried forward	28577	3	10	1270	0	0	8721	13	6	2	10	0

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Schemes Adopted by Synod.													Local Purposes.			Amounts paid or accounted for to General Treasurer.			No.
Church Extension.			Theological Education.			Foreign Missions.			Jewish Mission.										
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
10	0	0	10	0	0	20	0	0	..				1982	15	0	923	15	0	
																			118
																			119
..			..			..			..				80	0	0	80	0	0	120
..			..			..			..				..			4	0	0	121
..			..			..			..				..			..			122
..			..			50	0	0	..				100	0	0	..			123
																			124
..			..			..			..				267	15	8	..			125
																			126
..			..			..			..				750	10	0	757	17	0	127
..			..			..			..				515	0	0	410	0	0	128
																			129
30	0	0	50	0	0	250	0	0	..				632	15	6	1050	16	0	130
..			..			..			..				295	15	0	..			131
100	0	0	..			..			..				800	0	0	700	0	0	132
																			133
																			134
..			..			..			..				75	0	0	320	0	0	135
																			136
..			..			2	12	6	..				253	13	0	116	7	0	137
..			..			..			..				790	5	8	790	5	8	138
100	0	0	150	0	0	101	0	0	..				200	0	0	43	11	6	139
..			..			..			..				60	0	0	268	11	0	140
..			..			..			..				1785	3	6	..			141
..			..			..			..				200	0	0	200	0	0	142
..			..			..			..				110	0	0	110	0	0	143
..			..			..			..										
..			..			..			2	10	0		595	17	0	225	14	0	144
																			145
																			146
..			25	0	0	..			..				..			188	0	0	147
																			148
600	0	0	..			..			..				531	0	0	1084	16	6	149
350	0	0	310	0	0	..			..				622	10	0	1096	11	6	150
..			..			..			..				15	0	0	5	0	0	151
																			152
																			153
..			..			..			..				10	0	0	10	0	0	154
..			..			..			..				483	0	0	161	15	0	155
1	6	0	..			0	15	0	..				138	16	6	1	0	0	156
																			157
..			..			..			..				75	0	0	2	0	0	158
																			159
..			..			..			..				4050	0	0	101	1	0	160
																			161
..			..			..			..				1000	0	0	1000	0	0	162
																			163
																			164
1191	6	0	545	0	0	424	7	6	2	10	0		16419	16	10	9651	1	2	

No.	Name.	Total.	Right Reserved to Allocate.	General Fund.	Debt Liquidation.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward.....	28577 3 10	1270 0 0	8721 13 6	2 10 0
165	London—Woolwich, New Road ..				
166	Maidstone				
167	Norwich.....				
168	Portsmouth	128 0 0	..	..	..
169	Reading.....				
170	Singapore				
171	Silverhill, Hastings				
172	Southampton—St. Andrew's	43 3 6	..	..	..
173	,, —St.Mary's, Woolston	238 5 3	..	..	..
174	Withyham.....				
175	Rev. Wm. Duffus, Swatow	10 0 0	..	10 0 0	..
176	,, Wm. McGregor, Amoy	10 0 0	..	10 0 0	..
177	,, R. Gordon, Amoy	10 0 0	..	10 0 0	..
178	Miss M. Douglas, Leamington....	10 0 0	..	10 0 0	..
		29026 12 7	1270 0 0	8761 13 6	2 10 0
	Presbytery of Manchester—				
179	Blackburn—Mount Street	9 14 6	..	9 14 6	..
180	,, —St. George's.....	674 6 0	..	..	..
181	Bolton	125 0 0	..	..	..
182	Bradford	7 4 2	..	7 4 2	..
183	Crewe				
184	Leeds—Hanover Square	1039 8 0	..	..	..
185	,, —St. Columba.....	5 0 0	..	5 0 0	..
186	Manchester—Ancoats	124 0 0	..	..	..
187	,, —Bowdon	519 11 0	..	..	..
188	,, —Brunswick Street ..	360 10 0	50 0 0	82 10 0	..
189	,, —Coupland Street....				
190	,, —Grosvenor Square ..	750 0 0	150 0 0	300 0 0	..
191	,, —Higher Broughton..	1000 0 0	1000 0 0	..	..
192	,, —Longsight				
193	,, —Pendleton	50 0 0	..	..	..
194	,, —Sale.....	3087 7 0	868 0 0	..	..
195	,, —Salford				
196	,, —St. Andrew's	440 15 0	..	100 5 0	..
197	,, —Trinity	1331 7 10	..	622 15 0	..
198	,, —Withington	329 1 0	250 0 0	54 1 0	..
199	Ramsbottom	991 16 7	..	..	..
200	Risley				
201	Rochdale				
202	Sheffield.....				
203	Stalybridge				
204	Tunley				
205	Warrington				
206	Wharton				
207	Wigan	1085 0 0	..	..	..
	Carried forward.....	11930 1 1	2318 0 0	1181 9 8	..

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Schemes Adopted by Synod.													Local Purposes.			Amounts paid or accounted for to General Treasurer.			No.
Church Extension.			Theological Education.			Foreign Missions.			Jewish Mission.										
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1191	6	0	545	0	0	424	7	6	2	10	0		16419	16	10	9651	1	2	
																			165
																			166
																			167
..			..			..			..				128	0	0	128	0	0	168
																			169
																			170
																			171
..			..			43	3	6	..				..			..			172
..			..			..			..				238	5	3	..			173
																			174
..			..			..			..				..			10	0	0	175
..			..			..			..				..			10	0	0	176
..			..			..			..				..			10	0	0	177
..			..			..			..				..			10	0	0	178
1191	6	0	545	0	0	467	11	0	2	10	0		16786	2	1	9819	1	2	
..			..			..			..				..			9	14	6	179
..			..			..			..				674	6	0	140	2	6	180
..			..			..			..				125	0	0	..			181
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208	Whalley Range.....	1210	0	0	..			..			..		
209	Geo. F. Barbour, Edinburgh	250	0	0	..			150	0	0	..		
210	J. B. McKerrow, Manchester	50	0	0	..			25	0	0	..		
		13440	1	1	2318	0	0	1356	9	8	..		
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212	Blackhill												
213	Blyth—Bridge Street												
214	,, —Waterloo Road												
215	Durham.....												
216	Falstone.....	250	0	0	..			..			..		
217	Gateshead—Durham Road												
218	,, —Ellison Street												
219	Gosforth.....	250	0	0	..			..			..		
220	Hebburn												
221	Hexham.....	927	12	0	15	0	0	642	2	0	1	5	0
222	Houghton-le-Spring												
223	Jarrow—Ellison Street												
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225	Killingworth.....												
226	Newcastle—Barras Bridge	300	0	0	..			..			..		
227	,, —Blackett Street.....	586	0	0	..			430	0	0	..		
228	,, —Byker												
229	,, —Erskine Church												
230	,, —John Knox	385	19	0	..			209	9	0	..		
231	,, —Park Road												
232	,, —St. George's												
233	,, —Trinity	1454	8	0	..			357	13	0	..		
234	,, —Westmoreland Road .	400	0	0	..			..			..		
235	North Shields—Howard Street ..												
236	,, —Northumberland Sq.	25	0	0	..			25	0	0	..		
237	Seaton Burn												
238	Seaton Delaval												
239	South Shields—East Street.....	50	0	0	..			..			..		
240	,, —Laygate	2500	0	0	..			2500	0	0	..		
241	,, —Mile End Road ..												
242	,, —St. John's	888	16	0	..			..			..		
243	Stamfordham.....	27	0	0	..			..			..		
244	Sunderland—Bethany												
245	,, —North Bridge Street.	153	0	6	..			153	0	6	..		
246	,, —St. George's	186	0	0	..			57	1	0	..		
247	,, —St. Stephen's, Monk	wearmouth											
248	,, —Smyrna	55	6	0	..			55	6	0	..		
249	,, —Trinity	437	18	2	..			..			..		
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Church Extension.			Theological Education.			Foreign Missions.			Jewish Mission.							
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252	Wallsend	750 0 0	..	500 0 0	..
253	Wark.....	45 12 6	..	30 12 6	..
254	Willington Quay				
255	Presbytery's Scholarship Fund ..	171 8 0	..	..	..
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	Presbytery of Northumberland—				
256	Alnwick—Clayport Street				
257	,, —Lisburn Street.....				
258	,, —St. James's	10 10 0	..	10 10 0	..
259	Bavington				
260	Bedlington.....				
261	Birdhopecraig				
262	Branton	26 0 0	..	1 0 0	..
263	Embleton				
264	Felton				
265	Glanton				
266	Harbottle				
267	Longframlington				
268	Morpeth.....	146 12 6	..	..	..
269	Newbiggin.....				
270	North Middleton				
271	North Sunderland—West Church.				
272	,, —East Church .				
273	Otterburn				
274	Thropton				
275	Warenford.....	25 11 9	..	..	..
276	Warkworth				
277	Widdrington.....				
278	Wooler—Cheviot Street				
279	,, —Tower Hill				
280	,, —West Chapel.....				
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281	Robert Barbour, Esq., Bolesworth	12500 0 0	..	..	..
282	Rev. J. Barclay, Formosa.....	20 0 0	..	20 0 0	..
283	Dr. Lawrie, Appin	10 0 0	..	10 0 0	..
284	Rev. Peter Mearns, Coldstream ..	1 1 0	..	1 1 0	..
285	Rev. George Wilson, Glenluce ..	1 0 0	..	1 0 0	..
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Church Extension.	Theological Education.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.			
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RECAPITULATION.

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		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Berwick Presbytery	106 0 0	..	106 0 0	..
2	Birmingham ,, ...	4074 11 4	..	190 0 0	..
3	Bristol ,, ...	713 9 2	65 0 0	35 0 0	..
4	Carlisle ,, ...	233 5 6	79 0 0	32 9 11	..
5	Darlington ,, ...	30138 5 0	660 0 0	25145 0 0	..
6	Liverpool ,, ...	25334 9 6	5699 16 6	4156 8 0	..
7	London ,, ...	29026 12 7	1270 0 0	8761 13 6	2 10 0
8	Manchester ,, ...	13440 1 1	2318 0 0	1356 9 8	..
9	Newcastle ,, ...	10023 0 2	15 0 0	4960 4 0	1 5 0
10	Northumberland Presbytery	208 14 3	..	11 10 0	..
11	General	12532 1 0	..	32 1 0	..
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Church Extension.	Theological Education.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.			
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF SYNOD APPOINTED TO INQUIRE AS TO THE PROVISION FOR THE RELIGIOUS CARE OF OUR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

Your Committee soon after last Synod sent out circulars requesting information on the following subjects. A large number of very valuable returns were received. Many, however, took no notice of the communications of the Committee; and they have had to search for information in quarters external to the Church.

The following were the questions regarding which they sought information:—

I.—What are the military stations in your district, and the average number at each Station?

II.—What will be the military centres in your district when the Army re-organisation is completed?

III.—What provision is made for Presbyterian services and pastoral oversight for Presbyterian soldiers at the various stations?

IV.—Is there any naval station within your district, and, if so What provision is there for the Presbyterians?

V.—Is there any Government institution, such as a naval or military school, or general prison?—if so, Has any provision been made for supplying the Presbyterians with religious services?

VI.—Can you give the Committee any information as to the stations which you think ought to be occupied by Presbyterian ministers, should next Synod resolve to take action in this matter?

The result of the Committee's labours will be found in the following Report:—

1.—Channel Islands.

Jersey.—There is generally a regiment stationed here. The Rev. T. W. Brown, our minister there, is the Acting Military Chaplain.

Guernsey.—Half a regiment with a battery of artillery are stationed here. The Rev. John Thorpe is Acting Presbyterian Chaplain.

Alderney generally has a battery of artillery and half a regiment stationed in it, to the Presbyterians of which the Rev. S. Huston, our missionary there, is the chaplain.

Isle of Man.

The Committee have received no return from this station, and it does not appear that any considerable number of troops are in the Island.

2.—Wiltshire.

Devizes is the military centre for this county. The number of soldiers is not large. There is a battery of artillery at Trowbridge, and there is generally a company of infantry at Salisbury. There is no Presbyterian service in Wiltshire, and our soldiers at these stations attend the Independent Churches.

3.—Devon and Cornwall.

The chief station in these counties is Plymouth, which is also a naval station. The only Presbyterian chaplain is our minister, the Rev. Joseph Wood. Besides the barracks at Plymouth, Devonport, and Stonehouse, there are eight outlying forts. The military centre for Devon will be Exeter, where there is no need to remind the Synod that we have no church. The military centre for Cornwall will be Bodmin. The Committee would strongly recommend the Church to take steps without delay to plant a church at Dartmouth, where the new Naval College is about to be established, and where there is a considerable number of resident Presbyterians. Mr. Wood suggests that it would be well if the Church could help him to secure an assistant. The Committee suggests whether it would not be better with Mr. Wood's approval and assistance to establish a new congregation at Devonport.

There is also in Devonshire the great convict prison at Dartmoor, where there ought to be a service. There are few Presbyterians among the convicts, but there are a considerable number among the prison officials.

4.—Dorsetshire.

The military centre in this county will be Dorchester; but the chief garrison is, and always will be, at Weymouth and Portland. There is also a battery of artillery at Weymouth. The soldiers at Weymouth and Portland connected with our Church are marched to the Independent chapels. Weymouth is also one of the chief stations of the Channel Fleet.

A considerable number of the officials of the convict prison at Portland are Presbyterians—retired non-commissioned officers of the Army. There is also a training-ship stationed inside the Portland Breakwater.

The Honourable General Rollo, in concluding his Report for Dorsetshire, says, "I consider that at Weymouth there should certainly be if possible a Presbyterian minister who could undertake the duties at Wey-

mouth, Portland, and Dorchester." The Committee entirely approve of this suggestion.

5.—Gloucester and Somerset.

In these counties the chief military centre is Bristol. It is the Brigade Depôt for two regiments. The Committee have not learned in what relation our minister at Bristol stands to the troops in that city.

At Gloucester the Rev. P. Crole acts as Chaplain to the General Prison.

Taunton is a Brigade Depôt for Somerset, where there is no Presbyterian service.

6.—South Wales.

The Committee have received no returns from our ministers in this district, and can, therefore, only report such information as is supplied by public documents.

It appears that in South Wales, including Monmouthshire, there are military stations at Newport, Cardiff, Pembroke and Brecon. The Committee would urge upon the Church the need there is for planting Churches at Newport-Monmouth and Pembroke, where there is also a dockyard. In this we might co-operate with our Welsh Presbyterian brethren. The Brigade Depôt at Brecon is doubtless well supplied by our Welsh brethren.

7.—Oxford, Berks, and Bucks.

Windsor is the chief station in this district, where there are both cavalry and infantry barracks. A very considerable number of Presbyterians are generally found among the troops at Windsor. They are sometimes supplied by the Chaplain of the Church of Scotland in London. When not so supplied they are marched to the Independent Chapel. It is worthy of consideration whether the Presbytery of London should not be requested to open a preaching station at Windsor.

In *Berkshire* there are Sandhurst Staff College, the Royal Albert Asylum, and Broadmoor Prison, at all of which there are Presbyterians, but no provision is made for their religious instruction. As they are located near each other, one man could easily supply the whole. There is a small detachment of troops also at Reading, the Presbyterians of which attend our Church there.

Oxford is the Brigade Depôt for the 52nd and 85th Regiments of Infantry. There does not seem, however, to be any considerable number of Presbyterians.

8.—Hampshire, North and South.

The military stations in this county are:—

Aldershot.	Marchwood.	Gosport.
Portsmouth.	Southampton.	Netley Hospital.
Christchurch.	Winchester.	Parkhurst.

Aldershot is supplied by a Resident Chaplain connected with the Church of Scotland, who is assisted by an Acting Chaplain when occasion

requires; also by our minister, Mr. Roome. No further provision is required for Aldershot.

Portsmouth and Gosport, with the adjacent forts, are supplied by Mr. MacTaggert, an Acting Chaplain appointed by the Church of Scotland. Considering that Portsmouth is not only a military but a great naval station, with several hospitals and a convict barracks, it seems impossible that one man can efficiently discharge the duties. The reason why our minister at Portsmouth, Dr. Kennedy Moore, is not an Acting Chaplain, as his predecessors were, is a matter which ought to be inquired into by the Church.

Winchester and Netley Hospital are supplied by the Rev. George Steven, Acting Chaplain appointed by the Church of Scotland.

Southampton and Marchwood are supplied by the Rev. Dr. Wright, of Southampton.

Parkhurst.—At this station a Wesleyan minister acts as chaplain to all the Protestant Nonconformist soldiers.

Christchurch.—Here the Presbyterians are marched to the Independent Church.

It appears, therefore, that Hampshire does not require any additional services at present. The Brigade Depôts in this county are Aldershot, Portsmouth, and Winchester. The naval stations are Portsmouth and Gosport.

9.—Sussex.

In this county the military stations are Chichester and Brighton.

Brighton has a cavalry regiment always stationed there. The Rev. Mr. Mackay is the Acting Chaplain. The "Greys" were recently there, and a large portion of the regiment attended Queen's Road Church.

Chichester is the Brigade Depôt for the 35th, 107th and 108th Infantry regiments. There are also a number of Presbyterians connected with the Government service in this city. There is no provision for Presbyterian worship. The Independent Chapel is the place to which Presbyterians are sent when they do not conform to the Church of England. The Committee think that something ought to be done for Chichester. There is a large number of Scotch farmers and Scotch stewards in the West of Sussex who might be gathered into a congregation at this town, and materially assist in the support of a missionary at the chief city of this part of the county.

10.—Kent.

The military stations in this county are:—

Canterbury.	Dover.	Maidstone.	Sheerness.
Shorncliffe.	Chatham.	Woolwich.	Gravesend.

Canterbury.—The Presbyterian troops here are marched to the Independent Chapel. The settlement of a minister there in connection with our Church will lead to a proper arrangement. It is well known that Canterbury is the head quarters of most of the cavalry regiments.

Chatham.—This great station is partly supplied by our minister there, the Rev. C. Moir, who holds the office of Acting Chaplain to the

Marines and the Naval Reserve—Chatham being a naval as well as a military station. The troops in the garrison are provided for by an Acting Chaplain, Rev. G. Watson, appointed by the Established Church of Scotland.

Dover is provided for also by a Chaplain appointed by the Church of Scotland—Rev. J. M. Millar.

Shorncliffe has a Commissioned Chaplain connected with the Church of Scotland, Rev. J. Milne.

Sheerness is both a naval and military station. The Rev. Mr. Hunter, a minister appointed by the Irish Presbyterian Church is Officiating Chaplain to both soldiers and sailors.

Gravesend, Woolwich, and Maidstone are provided for by our ministers at these stations, they having been appointed by the War Office as Acting Chaplains to the Forces. As far, therefore, as known to the Committee, there does not seem to be any actual destitution of ministerial service for the Presbyterian soldiers or sailors in the county of Kent.

11.—Surrey.

Guildford is the military centre of this county, and the only place beyond the metropolitan district where there is any considerable number of troops. As no return was received for this county, the Committee can only recommend that, along with Middlesex, Surrey may be at once attended to by the Presbytery of London.

12.—Essex.

In this county the military towns are—

Warley,	Tilbury Fort,	Purfleet,
Shoeburyness,	Colchester,	Harwich.

Warley and Colchester are united as a military charge under the care of the Rev. Mr. Morrison, of the Church of Scotland.

Shoeburyness.—After the removal of Rev. J. Speers to the Curragh, a minister connected with the Church of Scotland was appointed, and the Committee understands that he is still there.

Tilbury Fort.—The Presbyterian soldiers here attend the Church at Gravesend, so that Mr. Wilson is the chaplain of this station.

Purfleet.—No provision here.

Harwich.—Both a naval and military station, with a considerable number of Presbyterians in the town. No provision for their spiritual wants. The Committee think that the Presbytery of London ought to make special inquiry into the state of matters at Harwich.

13.—Middlesex.

In reply to the questions put by the Committee, the Rev. Dr. Fraser supplied the following valuable information, which the Committee prints entire, and recommends the Synod to instruct the Presbytery of London to take this part of the Report into early consideration.

Questions.	Answers.	Probable Number of Men.
1st.	St. John's Wood Barracks—Regiment of Life Guards ..	400
	Regent's Park Barracks ,, ,, ..	400
	Kensington Gdns. Brcks.—Troop of Cavalry & Foot Guards	200
	Hyde Park Barracks, *now building*	—
	Chelsea Barracks—Two Bttlns. of Foot Guards (700 each)	1400
	Wellington Barracks ,, ,, ,,	1400
	The Tower of London—*One* Battalion ,, ,,	700
	Hounslow—Six Troops of Cavalry	300
	Chelsea Hospital for Military Pensioners	—
	Duke of York's School for Boys	—

There is also the School for "Daughters of Officers of the Army" at Roehampton, and School for "Soldiers' Daughters" at Hampstead, but at both of these all girls are obliged to conform to the "Church of England."

2nd. Sub-Districts Nos. 49 and 50 are for "Metropolitan and County of Middlesex," with Head-Quarters at *Woolwich*.

49th Brigade includes—

Turnham Green	3rd Middlesex Militia.
Hounslow	4th Middlesex Militia.
Lords' Cricket Ground ..	9th Middlesex Volunteers.
Harrow	18th ,,
Gray's Inn Place	40th ,,
Westminster	46th ,,

With Depôts of 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 7th Royal Fusiliers.

50th Brigade includes—

Hampstead	3rd East Middlesex Militia.
Uxbridge	5th Middlesex Militia.
Hornsey	2nd Adm. Batt. Mlx. Volunteers.
Hounslow	7th ,, ,,
Pratt Street	29th ,, ,,

And Depôts of the 57th Regiment of Foot (West Middlesex) and 77th Regiment of Foot (East Middlesex).

3rd. There is but one Presbyterian clergyman in the list of Government Chaplains for the Army stationed in London, viz., the Rev. George Kirkwood, but he is not entered as belonging to any particular station or regiment in London.

4th. There is no naval station in the County of Middlesex.

14.—Eastern Counties, not including Essex.

The Committee have received no return in regard to this district; but they believe that the chief, if not the only stations are Norwich, which has a cavalry regiment; Yarmouth, which is Brigade Depôt for two regiments; and Bury St. Edmunds. Our minister at Norwich will doubtless see that the Presbyterian soldiers there are not neglected; and until we have a Church at Yarmouth, it does not seem possible for us to

do anything for the soldiers at that station. There is also a small attachment of Engineers at Ipswich, and a Brigade Depôt at Lincoln. The Rev. Mr. Martin is appointed Acting Chaplain to the Forces at Ipswich.

15.—East Midland Counties.

Dr. Simpson reports that there is no provision for the religious care of the soldiers in these counties. Derby is a military centre and doubtless our men are not neglected where Dr. Simpson is. The Committee would suggest that he should apply to the War Office, to be appointed Acting Chaplain to the Presbyterian troops at Derby. Even though the number be few, it gives a minister a right to visit the barracks.

Northampton is the Brigade Depôt for the 48th, 49th, and 58th regiments of Infantry. We have no Church at Northampton, though we certainly ought to have one without delay. The Committee have been informed that the Independent Chapel provides accommodation for such Presbyterians as may be among the soldiers.

Bedford is the Brigade Depôt for the 16th Foot. There are many reasons why we should endeavour to get a preaching station opened as soon as possible at Bedford. Leicester is also a Brigade Depôt for two regiments.

16.—West Midland Counties.

The returns from this district are very unsatisfactory. Birmingham, Worcester, Coventry, Warwick, Lichfield, and Shrewsbury are the stations in this district.

Worcester.—The number of Presbyterians here is small, but the minister ought to hold the position of recognised Chaplain.

Birmingham.—Besides the ordinary detachment of troops there is a brigade of artillery here. The Presbyterians attend Broad Street Church. Mr. Thorburn, the minister of that Church, is recognised as Acting Chaplain for Birmingham.

Lichfield, Coventry, and Warwick.—The Committee have not been able to get any information in regard to these garrisons. This Church ought surely to have preaching stations in such towns as Coventry and Warwick, or in Leamington to supply Warwick.

Shrewsbury.—Our minister there, from his past experience, will doubtless look after such Presbyterians as are at this station.

17.—Yorkshire.

In this great county our churches are few compared with its extent and population. The military towns in Yorkshire are Sheffield, Halifax, Bradford, Leeds, York, Richmond, and Beverley.

Sheffield.—Here are stationed a brigade of artillery, the Brigade Depôt of the 65th, and generally the service company of another regiment. Our minister at Sheffield is Acting Chaplain.

Halifax.—Brigade Depôt of 33rd.

Bradford.—Brigade Depôt of 14th.

Leeds.—A cavalry regiment is stationed here.

York.—The "Scots Greys" till recently have been here, and a cavalry regiment is usually stationed at York.

With churches at all the stations except Halifax, Beverley, and Richmond, the Yorkshire garrisons are fairly provided for, though the hold of this Church on the county is weak.

18.—Lancashire.

The military towns in this county are Manchester, Preston, Burnley, Ashton, Bury, Fleetwood, Liverpool and Warrington.

Manchester.—Here are stationed a cavalry regiment and the service company of a foot regiment.

Preston.—At this town 15th, 81st, and 47th Foot have their Brigade Depôts.

Ashton.—96th and 63rd Infantry Depôts are here.

Burnley has the 30th and 59th Foot Depôts.

Bury.—The 20th Infantry Brigade Depôt is here.

Fleetwood.—The service company of the 94th Foot is here a present, and this rising town is intended to be a permanent military depôt.

It will be seen that at Burnley, Bury, Fleetwood, and Ashton we have no church. The Presbyteries of Manchester and Liverpool would doubtless set themselves to attend to the wants of our uncared-for soldiers in Lancashire, if requested to do so by the Synod. In regard to Liverpool the Rev. R. H. Lundie has supplied the following interesting information:—

Rupert Lane Barracks, Liverpool, 85; North Fort (3 miles from Liverpool), 140; present number; near an average. Militia Barracks, St. Domingo Road, Liverpool, 50 residents; most married. Also 22nd Royal Lancashire Artillery Militia; most married.

Warrington will be the chief, with accommodation for 400. Also the Rupert Lane Barrack is to be enlarged.

The Rev. H. T. Howat, of Queen's Road, Liverpool, has just been appointed Chaplain of Rupert Lane Barracks and the North Fort.

An ironclad in the Mersey named *Resistance*, with about 200 on board. Also the *Eagle* for training the Naval Reserve; the men generally on shore, except a very small number.

There are two large prisons of an ordinary kind—viz., Kirkdale and Walton Gaol; there are Episcopalian and Roman Catholic chaplains in these, but no Presbyterians.

The appointment of Mr. Howat, as above, is perhaps all that can be expected meantime.

And the following letter from the Rev. J. Reid, Salford, will bring clearly the state of matters at Manchester:—

My dear Sir,—

The following are replies to your queries anent Presbyterian soldiers, &c., as far as I am in a position to reply:—

1. Manchester (two barracks), Ashton and Bury. The number in each will average 500.
2. My informant said "no change."
3. I don't know about Ashton and Bury, but the Minister of the Scotch Church, Manchester, is Chaplain to the Presbyterian soldiers in Manchester.

There is a small barrack near Stalybridge, in which there are generally a few Presbyterian soldiers, and our minister at Stalybridge looks after them.

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6. If it means appointing some neighbouring minister to look after the soldiers and their families, Ashton would lie handy to the minister at Stalybridge—they are about two miles apart—but I fear Bury is too far from Manchester on the one hand, and Ramsbottom on the other, for anything to be done for it, except by a resident chaplain, and that is not likely to be practicable in the meantime. At one time the Minister of Salford was Chaplain to the Presbyterian soldiers—the infantry barrack being in Salford, but now they are marched two miles to Mr. White.

19.—Durham and Northumberland.

Mr. Bell, of Newcastle, and Mr. Black, of Sunderland, have returned very satisfactory reports for these counties. Durham, Newcastle, Sunderland, Tynemouth, and Berwick are the military stations in these counties. There is also at Sunderland a training-ship for the Naval Reserve. At all three stations, with the exception of Tynemouth, we have churches and ministers, who attend to the soldiers. It is somewhat remarkable that our active Presbytery of Newcastle has not even a preaching station at the beautiful seaside town of Tynemouth. The congregations at North Shields can hardly be regarded as meeting the wants of Tynemouth.

20.—Cumberland and Westmoreland.

The only military station in these counties is Carlisle. The Rev. James Christie, one of our ministers there, is the recognised acting chaplain to the troops, and a portion of his church is set apart for the use of the soldiers.

21.—Cheshire and North Wales.

At Wrexham, Chester, Holyhead, Mold, Carnarvon, and the other small stations in this district, there are the means of supplying services to the Presbyterian troops, either by our minister at Chester or by the English-speaking ministers of our sister Church in Wales.

The Committee have, in drawing up their Report, indicated the places where it would be desirable to make more satisfactory provision for our soldiers and sailors and Government officials in public institutions. As the Committee was appointed for the purpose of collecting information to be laid before this Synod, they do not feel themselves

warranted in making special recommendations beyond the suggestions they have thrown out in the body of the Report. That the subject is an important one will be seen by the Synod, but what future action should be taken must be left to the Supreme Court to determine. The Committee would, however, strongly urge that the Synod instruct all the ministers of our Church in towns where troops are stationed to apply to the War Office to be recognised as Acting Chaplains to the Forces, unless a clergyman of the Presbyterian Church is already discharging the duties. The instruction should also extend to naval stations, hospitals, military and naval schools, and national prisons.

JOHN G. WRIGHT,
Convener.

REPORT OF THE CONTINENTAL COMMITTEE,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

The state of the Continent as regards the progress of the truth continues deeply interesting. Certainly such opportunities for preaching the Gospel and for the circulating of the Word of God have never existed before. It is for us who have received the Truth to seize the opportunity and do our part by our sympathy, liberality, and prayers.

The events of the past year gives additional force to what has been said in previous Reports, concerning the preparedness everywhere for the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. On the one hand, the profound ignorance on the subjects of sin and salvation, indeed of the Word of God itself, on the part of multitudes within a few hours' journey of our doors, might well impress us with a profound sense of our responsibility, having such privileges as we possess: on the other hand, the glorious power of that Word when brought to bear on individuals for the first time, as seen among these multitudes, might well thrill every heart with joy, and stir every hand to action, if only the facts were fully known.

The Committee have to express their great regret that so large a proportion of the congregations of our Church have hitherto declined to give anything in support of this scheme. They cannot doubt that if the subject were brought before their congregations they would support the cause. There is no desire to burden the people by asking for large collections, but according as each is able to contribute, they would ask, for the sake of the people themselves, that they should have the subject laid on their hearts at least once a year. The Committee still ardently hope that larger support will be given by our Church in the future, for the work of God on the Continent of Europe.

In *France*, the Ultramontane power which for six months trampled on the liberties of the country, was at length defeated, and now there is everywhere an open door for the dissemination of Evangelical truth. We have therefore had the pleasure of giving a grant of £25 to the Evangelical Society of France, and £25 to the Evangelical Society of Geneva, which supports fifty-six colporteurs in France.

The great International Exhibition to be opened in May is looked

forward to as an occasion when the Gospel may be preached to men of all nations. In that Exhibition will be treasured all that the wisdom of Solomon, as developed in the nineteenth century could devise, but the evangelists will be able to say to these multitudes, "A greater than Solomon is here."

In *Spain*, the circulation of the Word of God by colporteurs, followed by the evangelist to explain the message of God's love to sinners, are marked features of the past year. It is also a hopeful sign that all the workers in Spain are to assemble in Madrid, in April, for prayer and conference, thus fostering a spirit of unity and brotherly love, and giving the promise of increased blessing on the work. A grant of £30 towards the evangelisation of Spain has been made to the Spanish Evangelisation Society.

In *Portugal*, there is an unusual interest in the Gospel. Great bigotry and priestly opposition are common, but there are a good many cases of individual conversions and a willingness on the part of the people to listen to the Gospel. The Rev. Robert Stewart, who conducts an important mission enterprise in addition to his ordinary duties among our countrymen, has received from the Committee a grant of £25.

In *Belgium*, there is perhaps more doing in the way of evangelisation than in any other country on the Continent, while the depressed state of trade has put the Evangelical Society in greatly straitened circumstances. In Brussels labouring men flock for employment from the villages of Belgium, returning home for the Sunday. These men have been met and instructed in their lodging-houses, and have carried the Gospel in this way to their village homes. From this has, in one instance at least, sprung a large and independent movement, resulting in the secession of nearly a whole community from the Church of Rome. The Committee have given as large a grant as it was in their power consistently with other claims to give—£40.

In *Italy*, besides the regular preaching of the Gospel to settled congregations, there has been a considerable increase of evangelistic tours, and in one marked instance, of a Waldensian pastor perambulating the country with a Bible carriage, an unexpected blessing accompanied this novel experiment. The visit of a deputation of the Evangelical Alliance to the Evangelical Church of Italy last autumn, on a mission of inquiry, and with a view to promote brotherly union, will, it is hoped, mark a fresh point of departure in the mission work, and lead to a more cordial understanding among those engaged in it. The Committee have made a grant of £30 to the Waldensian Church Missions, and £25 to the Free Church of Italy, for the work of evangelisation.

The death of the late Pope and the conquest of Turkey are two events which mark an onward stage in the history of the Church of Christ, and may be said to shake Europe to its foundations. Whatever may be the special views entertained of these events, one thing seems certain, that they speak of liberty to the oppressed, in order that the Word of God may have free course and be glorified, and of increased facilities to the Church of Christ for spreading the glad tidings of salvation, and for the cry concerning Babylon: "Come out of her, my people."

The following grants have been made by the Committee for the past year :—

ITALY :—			
Waldensian Church Missions	£30	0	0
Free Church of Italy	25	0	0
FRANCE —			
Evangelical Society of France	25	0	0
Evangelical Society of Geneva	25	0	0
BELGIUM :—			
Evangelical Society of Belgium	40	0	0
SPAIN :—			
Spanish Evangelisation Society	30	0	0
PORTUGAL :—			
Presbyterian Mission	25	0	0
	£200	0	0

Total available ..	£215	6	4
Grants	200	0	0
Balance in hand	£15	6	4

JOHN G. WRIGHT, *Convener.*

D. MATHESON, *Treasurer.*

THE CONTINENTAL COMMITTEE, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
35 Collections, yielding	220	5	10			
Donations	9	3	0			
				229	8	10
				£229	8	10

Audited and found correct,

J. H. DUNCAN.

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Grant to the Waldensian Church Missions in Italy, per Sr. Malan, Treasurer	30	0	0
,, ,, Free Church of Italy, per the Rev. J. R. McDougall, Treasurer	25	0	0
,, ,, Evangelical Society of France, per Pastor G. Fisch, Secretary	25	0	0
,, ,, Evangelical Society of Geneva for Colportage and Evangelisation in France, per Pastor Dardier, Secretary	25	0	0
,, ,, Spanish Evangelisation Society, per Mrs. Peddie, Treasurer	30	0	0
,, ,, Presbyterian Mission in Portugal, per the Rev. R. Stewart, Lisbon	25	0	0
,, ,, Evangelical Society of Belgium, per Pastor Anet	40	0	0
Paid for Pulpit Supplies in connection with services at St. Servan, France	9	10	0
Expenses of Printing—paid to Synod Treasurer	3	7	0
,, ,, ,, Ranken & Co.	1	5	6
Balance in hand	15	6	4
	£229	8	10

DONALD MATHESON, *Treasurer.*

March 30th, 1878.

REPORT ON WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

The Membership of the Fund is now 175, Foreign Missionaries included. The total income for last year was £1891 6s. 4d., and the amount invested is £13,174 17s. 6d., yielding a revenue from interest of £622 for the current year.

The recent lamented death of the Rev. R. Grant-Brown causes an increase in the number of annuitants. There are now seven widows and fifteen children on the Fund.

The question as to the admission of Ministers formerly belonging to the United Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church to the benefits of the Fund, has been carefully considered, and the Committee now respectfully submit the following recommendation on the subject:—

1. That the Synod adopt the Widows and Orphans Fund, as instituted by the Presbyterian Church in England in 1870, and revised by the same Church in 1874, together with the rules now in force, subject to such amendments as may be called for.

2. That the twenty-nine Ministers, formerly of the United Presbyterian Church, who have already declared their wish to join the Fund, be at once admitted; and that any other Ministers, formerly of the United Presbyterian Church, or who have been inducted since the Union to charges formerly United Presbyterian or Reformed Presbyterian, be also admitted, provided they shall express a wish to that effect on or before the first day of July next.

3. That the first contribution of these new members be £5, payable on October 1st, 1878.

4. That, at the time of admission as above, the Congregations over which these Ministers are placed shall contribute to the Fund a sum of not less than two per cent. on the Minister's present stipend for one year, in lieu of induction fee.

5. That, in consideration of the admission of so many additional Ministers to the Fund, it is desirable that the capital be strengthened; and since the value of the Fund to existing members represents a capital of about £70 per member, a sum of about £2000 may be regarded as a fair equivalent on account of the new members admitted under the above arrangement.

The Committee suggest that the Synod might recommend to the friends of the United Presbyterian portion of the Church to contribute by

collections or otherwise, in order to raise as nearly as possible the above sum, committing to one or two elders the duty of attending to it.

It may be pointed out that the adoption of the Fund and of the rules of the Fund by the Synod of the now United Church will render it imperative on all future entrants to the Ministry to connect themselves with the Fund, and that they will be entitled to the privileges of membership from the date of induction. The remit of last Synod on the subject of the increased rate of payment imposed on members who, from causes other than ill health or advanced age, may have ceased to hold official connection with the Church, has been fully considered, and the Committee recommend that the increase of premium be discontinued, so that the annual rate shall now be in all cases the same.

Should the above recommendations be adopted, it will be necessary to make certain alterations in the rules, and in view of this, the Committee have carefully revised them. The rules thus amended will be found at the close of this Report.

The Committee have also thought it advisable to recommend that in future the accounts shall be audited by a professional accountant, who shall also certify the value of existing securities for the information of the Committee.

The Committee thus submit the fruit of their labours, and leave the future administration of this important Fund to the wisdom of the Synod.

T. W. BROWN,

Convener.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Instituted 1870.

RULES AS ADOPTED AND AMENDED, 1878.

I.—Constitution of the Fund.

1. *Capital.*

A Capital Fund, of £5000 at the least, to be formed from donations, legacies, annual rates, subscriptions, occasional collections, and any other available sources.

2. *Membership.*

(1.) The rate of contribution for every Minister or Professor shall be £5 per annum.

(2.) This rate shall be payable half-yearly, on the 1st of April and the 1st of October. For the convenience of Members, the Treasurer will issue a notice in advance, and any Member failing to forward his contribution within one month after the date at which it is due, shall be held to have forfeited his interest in the Fund.

(3.) From and after the adoption of this scheme, every one inducted to a Ministerial Charge or to a Professorship, shall be required to connect himself with the Fund, his first half-yearly payment being due at the first half-yearly term next after his induction, he being entitled to the privileges of membership from the date of his induction.

(4.) On the occasion of each induction, the Congregation shall be required to contribute a sum of not less than two per cent. on the first year's stipend which the Minister is to receive.

(5.) Any Foreign Missionary sent out by the Church shall be admitted to the Fund on the same terms as Ministers at home, provided that the Foreign Mission Committee shall, plus the Missionary's contribution, make an equal payment annually, on his account.

(6.) When a Member of the Fund shall marry, he shall, if under 45 years of age, pay £5, and £10 if beyond that age. In each case the sum shall be payable by two yearly instalments, the first being due at the half-yearly term next after marriage, and the second a year after.

(7.) If a Member shall die, leaving a widow, before he has paid into the Fund an amount equal to the annuity of a widow for two years, and such amount shall not be made up in any other way, a sum equal to his annual rate shall be deducted year by year from the annuities due, until such amount shall, by payments of the deceased in his lifetime and by the subsequent deductions, have been made good to the Fund.

3. *Annuities Fund.*

The portion of the annual revenue available for annuities shall be the entire interest of the capital for the time being, together with not more than seventy per cent. of the subscriptions of Members for the year.

II.—Board of Management.

1. The Administration of the Fund shall be in the hands of a Committee appointed by the Synod.

2. The Committee shall lay before the Synod at the ordinary annual meeting a full account of all their intromissions during the year.

3. The Committee shall consist of five Ministers and ten Elders, inclusive of the Convener and Treasurer.

4. Three of those—one Minister and two Elders—shall retire annually, but they may be re-elected.

III.—Principles and Rules of Administration.

1. *Recipients.*

The benefits of the Fund shall be enjoyed—(1), by the Widows and Children of Members who have died while yet in office, provided their annual payment to the Fund shall have been regularly made; (2), by the Widows and Children of Members who, through ill-health or advanced age, may have been compelled to retire from active service, provided their annual rate shall have continued to be paid by the Ministers themselves, or on their behalf; (3), by the Widows and Children of Members who may, from other causes, have ceased to hold office within this Church, but who shall have continued their connection with the Fund by the payment of the ordinary rate.

2. *Annuities.*

(1.) The annuity payable to one who shall have become a Widow after the establishment of the Fund shall be £30. A Widow shall forfeit her annuity in the event of her marrying again.

(2.) The annuity payable to Orphans shall be £10; the annuity to cease on their reaching the age of eighteen years.

(3.) Should the Orphan or Orphans be motherless at the father's death, the annuity shall be increased to £15.

(4.) Annuities shall be payable half-yearly, on the first day of April, and the first day of October. The first payment shall be made at the term next

after the death of the Member; the last to a Widow, at the term immediately preceding her re-marriage or death; and the last to a child, at the term immediately preceding its death, or attainment of the age of eighteen years. There shall be no proportional payment.

(5.) Annuitants are required to produce the following certificates, viz.:—

a. Certificate as to the death of the Minister, Professor, or Missionary, and the date thereof.

b. Certificate attesting that the Widow is alive, and remains unmarried.

c. Certificate as to the existence of children under eighteen years of age.

d. Certificate as to the date of said children's birth.

3. *Responsibility.*

These rules are not to make any contract, legal or equitable; and annuitants shall not have any claim against the officials of the Synod, or against the rate-payers, or against the Board of Management, or against the Trustees, either individually or collectively; nor is any personal liability incurred by those engaged in administering the Fund.

IV.—Periodical Revision.

There shall be a periodical revision of the income and expenditure of the Fund every three years.

V.—Annual Audit.

There shall be a yearly audit of the accounts by a Professional Accountant, who shall also examine the Securities, and send to the Committee through the Treasurer a valuation of the same as on the first day of March each year.

Convener :—Rev. T. W. Brown, M.A., Jersey. Treasurer :—Thomas Matheson, Esq., 35, Dale Street, Liverpool.

THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND,

Dr. IN ACCOUNT WITH THOMAS MATHESON, TREASURER. *Cr.*

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Annuitants (6 Widows)	157 10 0	By Balance from 1876	139 6 6
,, ,, (13 Orphans)	130 0 0	,, Interest on Capital	564 6 4
,, Incidental Expenses	18 10 7	,, Members' Contributions	991 5 0
,, Investments	1704 18 6	,, Donations, Fees, &c.	333 15 0
,, Balance in hand	17 13 9		
	£2028 12 10		£2028 12 10

ANNUITIES ACCOUNT.

To paid Annuitants	287 10 0	By Balance from 1876	4453 5 1
,, Balance	5428 18 11	,, Amount 70 per cent. on £961 5 0	693 17 6
		,, Interest on Capital	564 6 4
	£5716 8 11		£5716 8 11

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

To Incidental Expenses	18 10 7	By Amount of Accumulations	7153 0 5
,, Balance	7765 12 4	,, ,, 30 per cent. on £991 5 0	297 7 6
		,, Donations, Fees, &c.,	333 15 0
	£7784 2 11		£7784 2 11

BALANCE SHEET.

To Balance Annuitants' Account	5428 18 11	By Sundry Investments, *cost*	13,176 17 6
,, ,, Capital	7765 12 4	,, Balance in Treasurer's hands	17 13 9
	£13,194 11 3		£13,194 11 3

E. & O. E. LIVERPOOL, *March*, 7, 1878. THOS. MATHESON, *Treasurer.*

Accounts audited and found correct. The cash in the hands of the Treasurer is £17 13s. 9d., and the investments, of which the certificates have been exhibited to us, amount at cost price to £13,176 17s. 6d.

LIVERPOOL, *March* 23, 1878.

ALEX. H. WHYTT,
THOS. MOFFAT, } *Auditors.*

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND, 1877.

DONATIONS, FEES, &c.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
A. P. Stewart, M.D., Belgrave Church	5	0	0			
Messrs. Jas. Nisbet and Co., from Profit on Sale of Psalter and Hymn Book	200	0	0			
B. W.	0	5	0			
X. Y. Z.	10	0	0			
E. C.	2	10	0			
R. M.	2	10	0			
A. Fraser, Manchester	2	10	0			
Clapham Road Church	9	0	0			
				231	15	0

INDUCTION FEES.

Hyslop Street, Liverpool	8	0	0			
Totton	4	0	0			
Crouch Hill	7	0	0			
Woolwich	8	0	0			
Lewes	4	0	0			
Bootle	12	0	0			
John Knox, Stepney	8	0	0			
Warrington	4	0	0			
Wandsworth	8	0	0			
York	4	0	0			
Higher Broughton	10	0	0			
				77	0	0
Marriage Fees		...		25	0	0
				£333	15	0

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERCOURSE WITH OTHER CHURCHES,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

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1. The most conspicuous and interesting act of "intercourse" between Presbyterian Churches which marked the past year was beyond question the "General Council" of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches, which met in Edinburgh on the 3rd of July last. To this Assembly—by far the most widely representative one which has ever met in Protestant Christendom since the Reformation period—some three hundred and forty members were accredited, either as "delegates" or "associates," of whom the great majority were present. As the delegates of our own Church (who all attended its Sessions) will doubtless report directly to the Synod, it does not fall within your Committee's province to make any further reference to this important Assembly. It may be added only that a copy of its official "Proceedings" has been placed for reference in the Library of the College.

2. All the deputations appointed by last Synod to visit sister Churches in England, Scotland, or Ireland, as well as on the Continent, have, it is believed, fulfilled their commission. In the case of most of them, no report has naturally reached your Committee; because it has hitherto been the usual practice for such deputies to report their diligence directly to the following Synod. Should it be deemed advisable, however, to maintain a Committee "On Intercourse," either in its present shape or in combination with any other, we are of opinion that it would be well if deputations were instructed to communicate to such Committee the result of their visits, with a view to its being considered and formally transmitted by it to the Supreme Court.

3. Through means of the deputations sent to the Free Church of Scotland and to the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, there has been duly laid before these bodies an account of the closer relations into which this Church entered, by its recent act of union, with the United Presbyterian Church, along with an invitation that both these sister communions would consider the propriety of establishing relations with us in all respects as intimate. Your Committee has reason to believe that this invitation has been taken into friendly consideration, but they are not aware whether any official response to it as yet been received.

4. On the general subject of deputations to other supreme courts, your Committee is of opinion that such visits, when paid every year by

large deputations, are needlessly burdensome, and tend to become too purely formal. We would, therefore, respectfully submit to your Venerable House whether it might not be sufficient to appoint one deputy only in every second year, whose expenses shall be defrayed by the Church, while authorising the Synod Clerk to furnish with a suitable commission such additional brethren as may propose *at any time* to visit sister Churches at their own charge. During the intermediate year, when no regular deputies are nominated, it might be desirable for the Moderator to address official letters of greeting instead.

5. In particular, your Committee would venture respectfully to suggest that the friendly intercourse with the English Synod in connection with the Established Church of Scotland, which was opened last year, ought, if possible, to be maintained; considering that that body is the only branch of Presbytery which now remains on English soil outside our own communion.

6. Further, it appears to the Committee that the relations of this Church with the Calvinistic Methodist Church of Wales deserve at this time special attention. With a view to maintain the friendly intercourse which subsisted betwixt that sister Church and the bodies out of whose union this United Church has been formed, your Committee recommends that a special and influential delegation be sent to the next meeting of their Supreme Court; and, moreover, that in the spirit of the General Council held last summer (at which the Welsh Calvinists were present as a branch of the Presbyterian Body), an effort should be made to draw more close than heretofore the ties which bind English and Welsh-speaking Presbyterians on both sides of the Welsh border.

7. Finally, it is the duty of your Committee to remind the Synod that in terms of the Act of Union a Council of Delegates from this and from the United Presbyterian Churches, to the number of thirty-five from each side, must be assembled for consultation on common interests, not later than the 13th of June next—being the second anniversary of our auspicious union. It humbly appears to your Committee that the most convenient time and place for such a Council would be at Edinburgh, about the middle of May, when the United Presbyterian Synod will be sitting in that city, at any rate, and when the brethren who are commissioned to attend its sessions as corresponding members, will be able to act at the same time as part of our delegation to the Council.

All which is humbly submitted on behalf of the Committee by

J. OSWALD DYKES,
Chairman.

REPORT OF CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

When your Committee gave in their last Report twenty-six Churches had been placed upon their list for grants of £750 each. Their names are as follows :—Shrewsbury, Clapton, Gloucester, Bowdon, Bournemouth, Ipswich, Ramsbottom, Wandsworth, Southport, Sale, Blyth, Holderness Road (Hull), Middlesborough, Stockton-on-Tees, Jarrow, Woolston, Waterloo, Whitby, Willesden, Streatham, Durham, Norwood, Aberdare, Wood Green, Crouch Hill, and Portsmouth. Of these the two last-named were accepted provisionally, but have now been finally placed upon the list. Only one church has been added to the list during the past year, viz., York, making the number twenty-seven in all. Other applications have been before the Committee, which they have not seen their way in the meantime to grant, owing to the circumstance that sufficient local support had not as yet been secured, and to other causes. It is hoped, however, that these difficulties will ere long be overcome.

A general desire was expressed at the last meeting of Synod that the year should be devoted rather to the consolidation than the extension of the Church. Your Committee, accordingly, do not regret the breathing-time which has occurred in the great work of extending the Church. Owing largely to the healthful and helpful action of the Union Thanksgiving Fund, vigorous and successful attempts have been made to remove burdens from a number of churches, and it cannot be doubted that the relief thus given will manifest itself in freer and more effectual efforts to extend the benefits of our Presbyterian Church to many promising fields that invite our entrance.

Out of the subordinate Fund, known as the "Aid and Loan Fund" important help has been given or promised to the following Churches, viz., Houghton-le-Spring; Broad Street, Birmingham; New Road, Woolwich; and Dudley.

In accordance with the recommendation of last Synod, the Thanksgiving Fund Distribution Committee have, out of that portion of their fund which is devoted to Church Extension, paid to our Treasurer the sum of £2500. Our funds are exhausted, and your Committee rely on further grants from said source, as the channels through which help flowed in former years into the treasury of this Committee are necessarily drained by the deeper shaft sunk by the Thanksgiving Committee. For the reasons fully stated in last Report, the Committee respectfully solicit from the Synod the renewal of their recommendation on this subject.

Certain sums promised to the Thanksgiving Fund have been specially allocated by the donors to the use of this Committee. Of these amounts, the sum of £154 12s. was paid to our Treasurer during the past year. The subscriptions from all sources up to this date amount to £22,430 19s. 2d. In many instances the total subscriptions promised to the Church Building Fund, under the five years' scheme, have been paid. It is important that instalments still outstanding should be handed either to the local Treasurers, or to the General Treasurer, without unnecessary delay.

Conferences have been held between this Committee and the Law and Historical Documents Committee. Said conferences were of a most harmonious and satisfactory nature, and the results will be reported to the Synod by the last-named Committee. Meanwhile, the short "Declaration of Trust" issued last year, at the instance of this Committee, to be employed till the Synod shall agree upon a Model Deed, has been found of great service.

The subject of the appointment of a consulting architect has been carefully considered by your Committee, and they are unanimously of opinion that the time has come when such an appointment should be made. They believe that the expense involved in this step would be much more than repaid to the Church. It is found that plans submitted from various parts of the country are in some cases burdened with expensive ornaments which might be omitted with positive advantage to the appearance of the churches concerned; that the expense of clerestories is incurred where no necessity exists for them; that acoustics, ventilation, and heating are not duly provided for; that inconvenient methods of seating are proposed; that schools are placed under the church where provision could be otherwise made, &c. In these circumstances your Committee are of opinion that the services of a skilful consulting architect would be of great value, not only in keeping down expenses, but in rendering the new churches suitable to the purposes of speaking and hearing, and, it may be added, in saving us from the erection of buildings wanting in simplicity and grace of outline, but loaded with unsuitable ornament. The Committee trust that the Synod will authorise the appointment of a consulting architect at such salary and on such conditions as may be found expedient.

R. H. LUNDIE,
Convener.

Dr. General Statement of Account, up to April, 1878. Cr.

To the following Grants, *viz.*:—	£	£ s. d.
Shrewsbury	750	
Clapton	750	
Gloucester	750	
Bowdon	750	
Bournemouth	750	
Ipswich	750	
Wandsworth	750	
Sale	750	
Southport	750	
Blyth	750	
Waterloo, Liverpool	750	
Ramsbottom	750	
Holderness Road, Hull	750	
Jarrow	750	
Woolston	750	
Willesden	750	
Middlesborough, one moiety	375	
Stockton, ,, ...	375	
Whitby, ,, ...	375	
Streatham, ,, ...	375	
Upper Norwood, ,, ...	375	
Crouch Hill, ,, ...	375	
Durham, ,, ...	375	
Wood Green, ,, ...	375	
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,, Printing Charges and Expenses of Public and Committee Meetings		393 2 11
,, Travelling Expenses of Deputations		102 17 7
,, Balance of Interest on Temporary Loan from "Aid and Loan Fund"		10 9 4
,, Balance in hand of Local Treasurers ...	£75 14 10	
,, ,, Bankers ...	4373 0 2	
		4448 15 0
		£19,955 4 10

By Contributions :—	£ s. d.
From the Presbytery of Berwick	16 1 0
,, ,, Birmingham	34 0 0
,, ,, Cumberland	1 1 0
,, ,, Liverpool	5177 9 0
,, ,, London	7099 12 0
,, ,, Manchester	1555 14 0
,, ,, Newcastle	1295 18 0
,, ,, Northumberland ...	80 13 10
,, Individual Subscribers	2040 4 0
,, Union Thanksgiving Fund	2654 12 0
	£19,955 4 10

Deliverance of the Synod, held at Manchester, April, 1878.

The Synod called for the Report of the Church Building and Debt Extinction Committee, which was given in by the Rev. Robert H. Lundie, Convener.

The Financial Statement was submitted by Mr. John Johnstone, in the absence of Mr. George Duncan, Treasurer.

The Synod receive the Report, and express their unabated interest in the work of Church Building.

For the reasons stated in the Report they renew their recommendations to the Thanksgiving Fund Committee to supply, so far as their resources will allow, to this Committee, the means required for the efficient carrying out of the scheme which they are prosecuting.

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							1	16	6			
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			CROOKHAM.									
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			FELTON.									
1	0	0	Collection				1	0	0			
			THORPTON.									
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			GLANTON.									
3	15	0	Collection				3	15	0			
			MORPETH.									
53	9	6	Sundry Subscriptions				100	0	0			
			WARENFORD.									
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1000	0	0	R. Barbour, of Bolesworth Castle				1000	0	0			
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2	2	0	Rev. H. Ritchie	2	2	0						
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			Per Rev. R. H. Lundie—									
250	0	0	G. Barbour, Edinburgh ...	250	0	0						
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			Per Geo. Duncan, Esq.—									
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50	0	0	A. S. Stevenson, Tynemouth ...	50	0	0						
100	0	0	James Stevenson, Glasgow ...	100	0	0						
2	0	0	Post-Office Order, Jan., 1874 ...	2	0	0						
2	0	0	D. N., paid to Bankers ...	2	0	0						
							404	0	0			
			Per Wm. Ferguson, Esq.—									
2	0	0	G. Dunlop	2	0	0						
							2	0	0			
			Per Union Thanksgiving Fund—							2040	4	0
154	12	0	Contributions specially designated				154	12	0			
2500	0	0	Grant from Committee ...				2500	0	0			
										2654	12	0
19955	4	10										
74	14	10	With Local Treasurers							£22433	0	2
£19880	10	0										

CONGREGATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Paid. £	s.	d.		Subscribed. £	s.	d.
16	1	0	Berwick	16	1	0
23	0	0	Birmingham, Broad Street	28	0	0
11	0	0	,, New John Street	11	13	4
1	1	0	Carlisle	1	1	0
30	5	0	Birkenhead, Hamilton	31	5	0
64	16	0	,, St. Andrew's	129	0	0
1246	10	0	Liverpool, Canning Street	1247	10	0
0	3	6	,, Everton Valley	0	3	6
2048	5	0	,, Fairfield	2054	5	0
475	7	0	,, Islington	490	11	0
101	5	0	,, Trinity, Prince's Park	101	5	0
1190	17	6	,, Rockferry	1195	2	6
20	0	0	,, Southport	50	0	0
65	16	0	Croydon	107	0	0
10	0	0	Lewes	10	0	0
74	0	0	London, Belgrave	140	0	0
60	0	0	,, Camden Road	60	0	0
670	10	0	,, Greenwich	938	10	0
1674	9	0	,, Hampstead	1765	1	0
198	15	0	,, Islington	260	1	0
75	0	0	,, Marylebone	125	0	0
2504	3	0	,, Regent Square	2534	15	0
1565	5	0	,, St. John's Wood	1612	11	0
			Maidstone	0	5	0
66	14	0	Southampton	117	10	0
135	0	0	Tottenham	225	0	0
			Leeds	2	0	0
1075	0	0	Manchester, Grosvenor Square	1375	0	0
124	8	0	,, St. Andrew's	145	10	0
355	6	0	,, Trinity	998	15	0
1	0	0	Sheffield	5	0	0
21	0	0	Hull	105	0	0
2	10	0	Barras Bridge	2	10	0
28	0	0	Newcastle, Trinity	78	5	0
87	14	0	,, John Knox	152	0	0
72	12	0	North Shields	355	5	0
782	6	0	South Shields, Laygate	788	2	0
28	2	0	,, St. John's	38	10	0
95	8	0	Sunderland, Monkwearmouth	97	0	0
178	6	0	,, St. George's	216	12	6
1	16	6	Alnwick	1	16	6
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1	0	0	Felton	1	0	0
3	15	0	Glanton	3	15	0
53	9	6	Morpeth	100	0	0
5	7	4	Thorpton	5	7	4
7	18	0	Warenford	7	18	0
2040	4	0	Individual Subscriptions	2040	4	0
2654	12	0	Union Thanksgiving Fund	2654	12	0
£19955	4	10		£22433	0	2

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHURCH BUILDING FUND,

IN ACCOUNT WITH GEO. DUNCAN, TREASURER.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Sundry Grants	2625	0	0	By Balance from last year ...	3835	8	3
,, Synod Printing Charges, &c.	31	4	0	,, Contribtn. from London ...	350	0	0
,, Travelling Expenses of Deputations, &c.	31	7	9	,, ,, from Liverpool	90	8	0
,, Proportion of Expenses of Queen Square House ...	5	0	0	,, ,, from Manchester	2	0	0
,, Balance	4373	0	2	,, ,, from Newcastle, &c.	79	4	6
				,, through Thanksgiving Fund	154	12	0
				,, Grants from ,, ,,	2500	0	0
				,, Interest on Bank Account	53	19	2
	£7065	11	11		£7065	11	11

LONDON, 30*th March*, 1878.

Audited and found correct,

LEWIS STEWART,
AFFLECK FRASER.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND DEBT EXTINCTION FUND,

IN ACCOUNT WITH GEO. DUNCAN, TREASURER.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Sundry Grants and Loans	740	0	0	By Balance from last year ...	3327	15	5
,, Proportion of Expenses of Queen Square House ...	5	0	0	,, Repayment of Loan ...	100	0	0
,, Balance	2718	15	0	,, Interest on Bank Account	35	19	7
	£3463	15	0		£3463	15	0

LONDON, 30*th March*, 1878.

Audited and found correct,

LEWIS STEWART,
AFFLECK FRASER.

THE REPORT OF THE AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

YOUR Committee have to report that, in accordance with the deliverance of last Synod, the annuity of Mr. Harvey, of Maryport, has been increased from thirty to forty pounds, for which much gratitude has been expressed.

The contributions to the Fund during the year have been received from six individuals and two congregations, the amount being £371 10 0

The amount received from invested funds is £232 5 7

The amount invested during the year is £1287 7 6

Making the total sum now invested £5477 11 9

With the view of placing the Fund upon a surer basis, and increasing still further the maximum grant, your Committee recommend:—

1. That at a convenient time on a Sabbath in the present year an opportunity be given to the people in all the congregations of the Church to contribute by means of a special collection; and

2. That it be an instruction to the Committee who may hereafter be entrusted with the management of the Fund to take what steps may be in their power from time to time to raise the Capital Fund to at least ten thousand pounds.

THOMAS MACPHERSON,
Convener.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND,

Dr. IN ACCOUNT WITH GEO DUNCAN, TREASURER. **Cr.**

	£	s.	d.
To Allowances from the Fund	47	10	0
,, Synod Printing Charges ...	2	1	0
,, Investments since last year	1287	7	6
,, Balance	0	13	5
	£1337	11	11

	£	s.	d.
By Balance from last year ...	728	16	4
,, Interest on Investments ...	232	5	7
,, Loan	5	0	0
,, Contributions, namely:—			
From John Johnstone, London	5	0	0
,, Rev. Dr. Wm. Boyd	5	0	0
,, R. Barbour, Bolesworth	100	0	0
,, T. Anderson, per Rev. Mr. Macpherson...	50	0	0
,, A. Fraser, Manchester	2	10	0
,, Trinity Church, Clapham	9	0	0
,, St. John's Wood Congregation ...	100	0	0
,, H. M. Matheson ...	100	0	0
	£1337	11	11

LONDON, 30*th March*, 1878.

Audited and found correct,
LEWIS STEWART,
AFFLECK FRASER.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON "CHRISTIAN GIVING,"

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

ACCORDING to the Synod's instructions, the address on "Christian Giving" has been circulated amongst the congregations of the Church.

The following Presbyteries have, in accordance with the recommendation of the Synod, held conference on the subject, viz., Birmingham, Carlisle, Manchester, and Liverpool. Similar action has been taken by the office-bearers of the Presbytery of Newcastle, and by several congregations and Deacons' Courts.

A circular has been sent to all the ministers of the Church, inviting attention to the recommendation of the Synod, that ministers should preach, and Sessions hold conference on the subject. To what extent this recommendation has been carried out has not yet been ascertained.

The Committee agreed earnestly to recommend the Synod to hold a short conference at a convenient time during its sittings, with a view to concert practical measures for keeping this important matter before the congregations of the Church. They also recommend that a Committee be again appointed to watch over this great question.

W. P. MACKAY,
Convener.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

YOUR Committee report that the two monthly periodicals of the Church have been regularly issued during the year.

The circulation of the *Messenger* rose from 11,000 in December, 1876, to 13,500 in December, 1877, and the *Children's Messenger* from 15,000 to 20,000. Both journals have yielded a profit, that on the *Messenger* amounting to £43 10s. 7d., and on the *Children's Messenger* to £6 11s. 6d.

The interchange of the monthly periodicals of the United Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church of England, among the ministers of the two Churches, has incurred an outlay of £37 2s. 11d.

At the suggestion of the Committee on Foreign Missions, and after a conference with its official members, your Committee resolved to alter the size of the *Messenger*, so as to secure more space for missionary intelligence in each number. Accordingly, on the 1st of January, 1878, this periodical was printed as a twenty-four paged large crown quarto, with double columns, and six pages were devoted to the interests of the Foreign Missions Committee, with the sub-title of *The Gospel in China*, and under the editorial charge of Dr. Maxwell, whom God honoured to lay the foundation of His Church in Formosa, and who by ill-health is prevented from returning to his labours among the heathen. The Committee introduced other changes with the view of making the *Messenger* more attractive and useful. Four pages in each number are devoted to evangelistic papers under the sub-title, *The Gospel Messenger*, and illustrations are more numerously and regularly employed than hitherto. The pages devoted to Foreign Missions are printed separately for circulation among the friends and contributors to the China Mission outside our own Church. An edition of 4500 is required monthly for this purpose. The four pages of *The Gospel Messenger* have also been printed separately, forming a suitable tract for gratuitous distribution which your Committee hope to see extensively used.

Your Committee have to report in regard to the other works entrusted to it that the *Digest of the Actings of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England*, by Dr. Leone Levi, forming an octavo volume of 356 pages, was issued during the past year, and a copy was forwarded to each minister and session clerk in the Church.

The *Union Memorial Volume* prepared in accordance with the instructions of the Liverpool Synod, and issued at the beginning of last year, has not been taken up to the extent to which your Committee anticipated, and there consequently remains a considerable number of copies unsold, and a charge against the volume of £16.

The *Manual of the Doctrine, Worship, Polity, and History of the Church*, by Dr. Fraser, was issued last year, and 13,700 copies have been sold.

Nearly 60,000 copies of the address on *Christian Giving* prepared by the Synod's Committee on that subject were circulated gratuitously among the congregations of the Church in accordance with the instructions of the Synod. Some of the Deacons' Courts replied to the applications of the Committee, and remitted £56 3s. towards the cost of printing and distributing this address, but this still leaves a charge against it of £27 3s. 6d.

Your Committee were unable to enter so fully into the preparation of Church stationery as they desired, seeing that capital must be spent in preparing and providing the necessary stock of suitable books and forms. The Committee regret that they have consequently been unable to prepare books, certificate forms, and other stationery for congregational purposes, though they have had repeated applications for such materials. Besides books for the duplicate minutes of Presbyteries ordered by last Synod, the Committee have prepared papers for extract Minutes of Synod and Presbyteries, and paper and envelopes for official correspondence.

The last Synod, realising the necessity of capital to enable your Committee to carry on its work, recommended the application for a grant from the Union Thanksgiving Fund for this purpose. Your Committee regret that the Thanksgiving Committee felt themselves unable to comply with the Synod's recommendation, as they held that the purpose for which the money was required was beyond the specified objects for which the Union Thanksgiving Fund was subscribed. Your Committee, though thus left unprovided with capital, have, nevertheless, carried out the work authorised by the Synod, at an aggregate outlay of nearly £2000. In doing this it has been indispensably necessary to borrow money, and this the Committee have been obliged to do on the personal security of two of its members. The Committee venture to suggest that, in the view of the growing importance and extent of the Committee's work on behalf of the Church, the necessity for a working capital is still more obvious. The Committee, therefore, earnestly crave that the Synod would take practical steps to provide such needed capital.

JOHN EDMOND,
Convener.

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80, Old Broad Street, London,
April 13, 1878.

WILLIAM F. G. BLAIKIE, *Treasurer.*

Account with the Treasurer. Cr.

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Examined and found correct,

JAMES ROBB, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION OF PREACHERS,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

The work of your Committee during the past year has been easily performed—the keeping in hand a correct list of the names of preachers and ministers without charge, and advising the Church of the same from time to time through the pages of the *Messenger*. Our work in the sense of a distribution of preachers amongst the vacancies and stations has been very small indeed; and for the past two or three months scarcely any application from any quarter of the Church has been made for supply. The Committee respectfully suggest whether the time has not come for constituting the Committee on a basis which would make their work more substantial than simply keeping a register of names, and which at the same time would not interfere with the liberty of congregations in furnishing their own supply.

The Committee also respectfully suggest to the Supreme Court the necessity of fixing the term during which the name of any preacher or minister shall remain on the list as available for vacancies; and that, in fixing that term in the case of preachers from other Churches, account be taken of the time they have already served as preachers in these.

JAMES MUIR,
Convener.

LAW AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT.

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

Your Committee have much pleasure in submitting a further portion of the "Practice of the Presbyterian Church of England," being the continuation of the chapter relating to "Presbyteries." (Appendix A.) The work is long and difficult, and the Sub-Committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Edmond, Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, and the Convener, have gone over every clause with great care, endeavouring to simplify the forms and procedure as much as possible, both in substance and language. The Sub-Committee have had difficulty in dealing with the "relevancy" of a libel, the term being used in a technical manner, and they have avoided it as much as possible, the more so as its operation seems calculated to lengthen the process in such matters needlessly. Your Committee regret not being able to submit the portions on "Deacons' Courts, or Managers," and on the "Synod," but they propose to undertake the same at once, if so instructed by the Synod. Some of the reports from the Presbyteries on the portions presented to the Synod last year have not yet reached your Committee. Your Committee recommend that the draft now submitted may be likewise remitted to Presbyteries with instructions to consider the same and report to the Convener of your Committee on or before the end of February next, and that the Committee be authorised to collate the different recommendations and emendations, and embody them as far as they may deem advantageous in an amended and revised form.

Such "Practice" is, however, much needed by the Church, and your Committee would submit whether they should not be authorised to publish the portions so completed as soon as possible for the use of the Church. In support of this course your Committee beg to refer to what has been done in former cases by other Churches more or less akin to our own. In 1854 a Directory of Forms of Procedure in Presbyteries was prepared by a Committee of which Professor Campbell wa

Convener for the Presbyterian Church in England, and in authorising its issue the Synod resolved that "without committing themselves to an approval of all the rules contained in it, deeming the Directory generally useful in maintaining uniformity in the procedure in our Church Courts, the Synod recommend it to Presbyteries for reference to assist them in cases which from tme to time come under their consideration." In 1869 the Synod of the same Church instructed its Law and Historical Documents Committee to revise the Directory in regard to the practice and form of procedure in Presbyteries, adding a chapter in regard to procedure in Sessions and Deacons' Courts. A portion of such Directory having been presented, the Synod remitted the same to Presbyteries and Sessions, and, subsequently in 1872, resolved as follows:—"Adopt the Directory for Sessions as now finally amended, and recommend the Sessions of the Church to be guided in their proceedings by its provisions." The "Order and Form of Procedure in the Church Courts in the United Presbyterian Church" contains an excerpt from Minutes of the Synod to the effect—"that the Synod adopt the rules as altered *ad interim*," whilst the Introduction states that such rules "are viewed not as imposing anything new, but merely collecting and digesting into order the rules which experience has proved to be useful for guiding the practice of the Church." The "Practice of the Free Church of Scotland in her several Courts" was prepared and published by authority of the General Assembly; and the Convener the Rev. Sir H. Wellwood Moncrieff, says in the Preface:—

> The object of this publication is to facilitate an understanding of the laws and constitutional practice of the Ecclesiastical Courts in the Free Church. The General Assembly does not propose to decide authoritatively any controverted point by means of such a publication. Such points can be settled only by judicial or legislative action. But the work is authorised as a useful guide in ordinary matters, and as an instrument for assisting Ministers, Elders, Deacons, and Members of the Church in judging how far particular questions have been authoritatively determined, and how far there remains any doubt regarding them.

In authorising the issue of the "Practice," now presented and in course of preparation, the Synod should guard itself from being bound by all its provisions. It should only recommend the use of the same as expressing generally what appears to be the approved practice of each of the Courts of the Church.

Whilst referring to the mode of passing Laws or Acts, your Committee would recommend that every resolution passed by Synod should express all that it proposes to enact without reference to any report or document outside the same. The Minutes of Synod ought to be self-explaining and complete.

The Presbytery of Liverpool have laid before your Committee a scheme for the superintendence of members and adherents changing their place of residence with a view to the prevention of the annual loss to the Church of lapsed members. The scheme provides, among other things, for the better division of the Congregation into Elders' districts, and the keeping of a roll of children of the Church, above fourteen years of age, and of all adult adherents. Whilst approving generally

of such recommendations your Committee have not been able sufficiently to consider how far is it expedient to incorporate the same with the general practice of the Church, and to prescribe the same as part of the duties of Sessions.

Your Committee's attention has also been directed to the present position of the Standing Orders of Synod, with a view to their being rendered permanent instead of Interim Standing Orders. Such Standing Orders being consonant with the practice and experience of Synod, your Committee approve of their being made permanent, with the additions of Nos. 2 and 3 of the recommendations in the Overture from the Manchester Presbytery, viz.:—

That the Synod at an early Sederunt appoint a Committee, to be called the Selection Committee, which shall be charged with the nomination of suitable persons to act on the Standing Committee of the Church, and that it consist of the Conveners of existing Standing Committees, along with a member selected by the Synod from each Presbytery.

That one-fifth of the members of each Standing Committee retire annually, by rotation, to be eligible, however, for re-election.

Your Committee have had a Conference with the Church Building Committee with reference to the preparation of a Model Trust Deed (Appendix B), and in accordance with the recommendations of the same a draft Model Trust Deed, prepared and settled by Counsel, has been obtained and submitted to another Meeting of the two Committees in March last. The Conference remitted the draft to a special Sub-Committee, consisting of the Revs. Dr. Edmond, R. H. Lundie, W. Ballantyne, Henry Miller, and Messrs. G. B. Bruce, George Duncan, J. C. Stevenson, M.P., R. T. Turnbull, and the Convener, and the Sub-Committee have gone over every clause and approved of the same as it now stands. Clauses 17 and 18, however, printed in italics, seem to present much difficulty, and in the opinion of a majority of the Sub-Committee, in which Mr. Lewis, M.P., concurs, both should be expunged altogether. Your Committee recommend that the draft be sent to Presbyteries for consideration, with instruction to report thereon to the Convener of this Committee on or before the end of December next.

Your Committee have received from the Clerk of Synod a communication addressed by the Presbyterian Historical Society of Pennsylvania, requesting to be furnished with the Minutes of the Annual Meetings of Synod from as far back as possible, with copies of the Minutes of the Committees of the Church, and with any other works illustrative of the history of the Church, in order that they may help them in their design to collect and preserve the history of Presbyterianism. Your Committee highly approve of the object, and they recommend the Synod to transmit to such Presbyterian Historical Society, a copy of the "Digest of the Actings and Proceedings of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England," 1836, to 1876, arranged and classified by your Convener, and a copy of the "Minutes of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England" from its commencement in 1876, and successively from year to year, asking the same Society to favour the Synod in return with such historical documents relating to the Presbyterian Churches in America as they may be able to furnish.

Your Committee have much pleasure in appending to this report (Appendix C) some historical facts relating to the congregations formerly connected with the United Presbyterian Church on the same plan as exhibited in the "Digest of the Actings and Proceedings of the Presbyterian Church in England," pp. 328 to 334, and deduced from the important work written by the late Rev. Dr. Mackelvie, under the superintendence of a Committee of the United Presbyterian Synod.

In conclusion, your Committee recommend that the Committee be re-appointed.

LEONE LEVI,
Convener.

Appendix A.

Practice of the Presbyterian Church

PRESBYTERY—(*Continuation*).

ADMISSION OF A LICENTIATE OF A CHURCH NOT IN FULL COMMUNION WITH THIS CHURCH.

152. A Licentiate of any Presbyterian Church not yet within the range of mutual eligibility, as declared by Act of Synod, must apply for admission to some Presbytery, who shall examine his testimonials, as in the case of a Minister similarly applying for admission to the Church, and shall report on the same to the Synod.

VACANCY IN A CHURCH.

153. A Church becomes vacant by the death, translation, demission, suspension, or deposition of its Minister.

154. When a Church becomes vacant by death, the Elders hold a Meeting, the Senior Elder present presiding for the purpose of recording the same, and they should intimate such death at the next Ordinary Meeting of Presbytery, providing meanwhile supplies for the pulpit.

155. The Presbytery being thus informed that a vacancy has occurred, should appoint one of their number to preach in the Church on the ensuing Lord's Day, and by edict declare the Church vacant, and call upon the parties having interest in that behalf to fill up the vacancy in due form and with all convenient speed.

156. A Ministerial Member is at the same time appointed Moderator of Session during the vacancy.

CANDIDATES, AND STEPS PRELIMINARY TO THE ELECTION OF A MINISTER.

157. The right and duty of providing supplies and bringing forward candidates are vested in the Session, subject to review by the Presbytery, it being clearly understood that no one can be called to the pastorate but an ordained Minister of this Church or of a Church whose Licentiates and Ministers have by this Church been declared eligible.

158. Any Ordained Minister may be nominated and elected as hereinafter provided for, although he may not have preached as candidate.

159. When the Session have reason to know that a general desire for an election prevails in the Congregation, or that a majority of those entitled to elect are in favour of a particular candidate or of an Ordained Minister, though he may have not preached as a Candidate, they should summon from the pulpit a meeting of Communicants and Adherents, to be held in the Church not earlier than after an interval of three entire days, intimating in such summons the object of the meeting.

160. Having thus ascertained that the Congregation are ripe for an election, they should intimate the same to the Presbytery at their next Ordinary Meeting, and petition the same that the usual steps may be taken in order to the settlement of a

Pastor among them, and if the Meeting of Presbytery should not take place within a calendar month thereafter the Session may apply to the Moderator to summon a *pro re nata* Meeting for the purpose.

161. At such Meeting, the Presbytery, if satisfied that the Congregation are ripe for an election, appoint one of their own number to preach and preside in the moderation of a Call on a specified day, and in case of urgency, appoint a meeting of Presbytery to be held on the same day for the purpose to receive his report and take such steps in connection therewith as they shall judge expedient.

Election.

162. The Presbytery or the commissioners, on the day appointed for the Election, being met in the vacant Church and duly constituted, the Moderator shall state the object of the Meeting, and the manner in which the proceedings are to be conducted.

163. Any person entitled to vote may then by motion propose that any eligible Minister or Preacher be elected, and the same being duly seconded, put to the meeting, and carried, the Minister or Preacher thus nominated is declared elected.

164. But if two or more such motions have been made, the Moderator shall put them all to the vote, and a vote shall be taken by a show of hands, and whosoever has a majority of votes given in his favour is declared duly elected.

165. Where the result of the vote by show of hands or otherwise is doubtful or challenged, the Roll shall be called and votes marked, and the candidate thus ascertained to have the majority of votes shall be declared duly elected, and his name inserted in the Call.

166. The Call thus filled up shall then be read, and all the Elders and Members shall adhibit their names thereto, the minority, if it was a contested election, being urged to join in the Call with the majority.

167. The Call duly subscribed being before them, the Presbytery taking all the circumstances of the case into consideration, will consider and decide the question of sustaining the same.

168. Parties to the Call have, as in other cases, the right to appeal to the Synod.

169. If the consideration of the Call be postponed, a day not later than a fortnight thereafter must be fixed at which such consideration is to be resumed, due intimation of the same being given to the Congregation from the pulpit after Divine service on the Sabbath preceding.

170. When the Call is sustained, if it be in favour of a Preacher or Minister without charge, the Clerk will request him to intimate his decision as to acceptance of the same before or at the next meeting of Presbytery. For proceedings in case of a Call to an ordained Minister in a settled charge see Section XII.

171. Where a Licentiate or Preacher gives his acceptance of the Call the Presbytery shall prescribe for him subjects for trial for ordination, and on his passing the same to the satisfaction of the Presbytery, a day shall be appointed for his ordination.

172. The brethren who are to officiate at the same are then appointed, and an Edict is ordered to be read from the pulpit of the vacant church on a Lord's Day after Divine service, three days at least intervening between the day when the Edict is read and the ordination.

173. If no objector appear, the Presbytery will proceed to the Ordination Services in the following form and order.

174. Public Worship is first held, and a sermon preached, and thereafter the Minister previously appointed to preside shall propose to the person about to be ordained the prescribed questions.

175. Satisfactory answers having been given to these questions, the Licentiate or Preacher elect is ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, and thereafter declared admitted and inducted to the pastoral charge of the Congregation, with all the rights and emoluments appertaining thereunto; after which the Moderator, followed by other members of Presbytery, tender to the newly-ordained brother the right hand of fellowship.

176. Addresses to the Minister and people are then delivered, and the Congregation being dismissed, the name of the Minister is added to the Roll.

Translation and Induction of a Minister.

177. The Call being sustained, the Presbytery from which the Call issues instruct the Clerk to transmit to the Clerk of the Presbytery to which the Minister called belongs the Call, together with Extract Minutes of all the proceedings of the case, as well as copies of reasons for translation, and also appoint commissioners to appear before such Presbytery.

178. If the ordinary Meeting of the Presbytery to which the Minister called belongs does not take place within three weeks after the reception by the Clerk of the official intimation, a *pro re nata* meeting should be summoned by the Moderator for the con sideration of the Call. At this Meeting it is the duty of the Clerk of Presbytery to cite the Session and Congregation whose Minister has been called to appear for their interest.

179. The Presbytery being met on the day appointed, the Call and relative documents are read, and commissioners having been heard from both sides, the Presbytery decide on the translation as the merit seem to them to require.

180. Pleadings in the case being closed, the Minister called is asked to intimate his decision in regard to the Call, and in the event of his acceptance thereof, the Presbytery decide to transfer accordingly.

181. It is in the power of the Minister called to leave the question of his translation to the judgment of the Presbytery, in which case the Presbytery consider the case.

182. If the Presbytery agree to translate they also declare that the Minister shall continue Pastor of the one charge till he is actually inducted into the other; and at the same time enjoin him to wait for and obey the orders of the other Presbytery as to the time of his induction.

183. The resolution of Presbytery is intimated to parties, and if no appeal by a party or Member of the Court be entered, the Presbytery agree to proceed to induction, appointing the Members who are to officiate, and directing an Edict to be served.

184. The order of Service at an Induction is identical with that at an Ordination, with the exception that there is no imposition of hands.

185. The Clerk is instructed to notify to the Clerk of the other Presbytery that the Induction has taken place, and such notification is the official evidence upon which such Presbytery proceed to declare the Church vacant, and to take the other steps requisite for the circumstances.

Admission.

186. Application for Admission being made by a Minister of a Church of any other denomination not embraced by the law of mutual eligibility, the Presbytery appoint a Committee to confer with him, with instructions to inquire into (1) His Character and Status; (2) The reasons which have led him to the application; (3) The course of professional education the party has pursued; (4) The body by whom he was ordained, and the manner of Ordination.

187. The Presbytery being satisfied with such report, and judging that it appear expedient, and to edification, that the applicant should be admitted, shall report the whole case to next meeting of Synod, and ask authority to admit the applicant according to the rules of the Church.

188. Such authority having been granted by the Synod, the Presbytery require the applicant to answer the questions, and after solemn prayer and a suitable address from the Moderator shall admit him into communion, and declare him a Minister of this Church.

189. But if the applicant's Congregation shall also apply for admission, the Presbytery shall appoint the same or another committee to inquire into all the circumstances of the Congregation, with instruction to report thereon to a subsequent meeting; and the Presbytery, being satisfied with their report, shall submit the case of the Congregation, as well as of the Minister to the Synod, asking authority to receive them as a Congregation.

190. Authority to receive both Minister and Congregation having been obtained, the Presbytery shall appoint a meeting, with the Minister and Congregation, on a convenient day after public intimation has been made from the pulpit to the Congregation on two preceding Sundays, and by such a suitable form of service

as shall appear appropriate shall admit the same, and place the name of Minister and Congregation on the Roll of the Presbytery.

191. In the case of Licentiates or Preachers who have not been ordained, who may ask to be admitted with or without a Congregation, the Presbytery shall follow the same regulations as to inquiry and report to the Synod, and having obtained the authority, shall receive them as Licentiates of the Church on their being called or ordained to the office of the Ministry.

192. When a Congregation of another Communion, and at the time vacant, desires admission, the Presbytery, as before, will appoint a Committee to inquire into all the circumstances of the case, and to act in the same manner as in the case laid down in the previous Article, and on the reception of the Congregation, the Presbytery shall see to the formation of a temporary session and the appointment of supplies, and take the ordinary steps to obtain a fixed Pastor.

Resignation.

193. Permission to resign a charge cannot be granted to a Minister against whom a judicial process has been commenced, or a *fama* prevails.

194. Should a Minister apply for leave to resign his charge, the Presbytery order the application to lie on the table, inquiring meanwhile his reason or appoint a Committee to deal with their brother and ascertain the reasons that led to the application.

195. If the reasons assigned or ascertained be a change of opinion relative to the doctrine or polity of the Church incapacitating him to continue in the Ministry of the same, his resignation is accepted by the Presbytery, which thereupon declare him to be no longer a Minister of the Church.

196. If the resignation be accepted, the pastoral ties between him and the Congregation is dissolved and the Church is declared vacant; but the party resigning the charge still remains a minister of the Church within the bound of the Presbytery if he resides there, though his name must be erased from the Roll as he has no longer a right to sit in the Presbytery.

Discipline.

197. In case of a charge or *fama* against a Minister or Probationer, it belongs to the Presbytery of the Bounds to deal with the same.

198. In case of *fama* it is the duty of Presbytery to institute a preliminary investigation in private as to its grounds, and if it should appear to be ill founded, or the offence is not flagrant, and the accused acknowledges his error and submits to such admonition as the Presbytery may deem needful, no further proceedings should be taken.

199. In the same manner, in case of charge, if it be found to be trivial in its character, or unsupported by evidence, the Presbytery may refuse to institute any proceedings.

200. In all cases, however, in which the Presbytery resolve that the case should be further proceeded with, a Libel must be served.

201. A Libel sets forth in writing the nature of the offence, specifies the time and place when and where it was committed, and indicates the judicial sentence incurred thereby.

202. No Libel can be entertained at the instance of a private party involving a charge of immorality or heresy, unless the complainant shows sufficient grounds of its probability.

203. If a Presbytery find that there is good ground for entertaining or framing a Libel against a Minister or Probationer subject to its jurisdiction, it should first deal with him so as to ascertain whether further steps in the process may not be superseded by his confession.

204. When a Libel against a Minister is prepared and prosecuted by any other party than the Presbytery, it must be presented to the Presbytery, and can only be served by its authority.

205. In every case in which the Presbytery has resolved to order a Libel to be served upon a Minister of the Church he ceases, *ipso facto*, to exercise the functions of his office until the Libel has been finally disposed of.

206. *A Libel having been served, the Presbytery, after hearing any answer which may be given in by the accused, proceed to take proofs, and when probation has been completed transmit the whole case for judgment to the Synod.**

207. If a Minister or Probationer confesses himself guilty of any scandalous offence, the Presbytery, without further action in the case, will proceed at once to pronounce the sentence which in their judgment is due.

208. *If the accused, when duly cited, fail to appear without adequate excuse, or shows himself otherwise contumacious, the Presbytery may proceed with the case, take proofs, and thereupon refer the matter to the Synod for judgment.**

209. Full citation is a formal notice in writing to appear, delivered personally to the party, or sent to his address three times, at such intervals as the Presbytery may determine.

210. A Minister deposed may be reponed in his status, but not in his charge, and a Probationer may have his licence restored upon profession of repentance which seems to be borne out by a course of consistent conduct.

Reference.

211. The Presbytery may refer any matter of delicacy or difficulty to the Superior Court for direction, or consult the same either *simpliciter*, that is without expressing any judgment upon it, or with such observations as may be found needful.

212. In case of reference all the Minutes and Documents connected with the case must at the same time be sent up and a Member appointed to state the reference to the Superior Court.

213. If there are parties concerned in the matter referred, notice should be given to the same in due time and form.

214. Reference of a case to the Synod does not place the Presbytery at the bar of the Synod or Superior Court, but leaves its members with all their rights and privileges unimpaired.

215. In case of Reference from a Session, the following rules are observed :—All the Documents connected with the reference being read, the person appointed to appear states the grounds on which the reference was made. If there are parties they should be heard. The Court then considers first whether the reference has come up in a formal manner, and, secondly, whether there were sufficient grounds for making it. If it appear that the Inferior Court sent up the case to escape the difficulties or delicacies connected with it, the case may be sent back with instructions to proceed with it according to the rules of the Church. If the case is frivolous, or is brought up in an informal manner, the reference is dismissed and the parties are dealt with as the circumstances may require. If the case is one of real importance and difficulty, and has been properly brought up, the Court proceeds to deliberate upon it, and having arrived at such judgment as to them may deem proper, the same is intimated to the parties.

Petition.

216. If the Session should refuse to institute proceedings in any competent matter, or to allow appeal by a party in any case or complaint by a Member against their decision, or refuse to transmit any Overture, the parties aggrieved have direct access by Petition to the Presbytery.

Overtures.

217. Any proposal to enact a new law or to amend or repeal an existing law, or to introduce any measure for the general benefit of the Church, should be embodied and transmitted to Synod in the form of an Overture.

218. An Overture consists of two parts, the preamble and the prayer ; the former containing the reason and the latter the petition.

219. Notice of intention to propose an Overture should be given at a preceding meeting.

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* 206 and 208 are printed in italics, for they embody the alterations required in order to carry out the instructions of Synod regarding the jurisdiction of Presbyteries in matters of libel on the following terms :—

"Instruct the Committee to reconsider the duties of Presbyteries relating to discipline, in order to see whether it would not be possible to remove the anomaly of constituting the Presbytery both Prosecutors and Judges in matters of libel, by limiting their duties to the framing of the libel and the taking of the proofs, leaving the trial and judgment in the hands of the Superior Courts, and for that purpose remit the further portion of the Practice back to the Committee, in order that they may revise the same and send it to Presbyteries with instructions to report to the Convener on or before the 1st of February next."

Appendix B.

DRAFT MODEL DEED OF TRUST.

At a Conference of the Law and Historical Documents Committee and the Church Building Committee, held in the College on the 21st November, 1877, to consider the provisions of the Model Trust Deed the Rev. R. H. Lundie in the Chair, it was agreed as follows:—

"1.—That any Trust Deed that may hereafter be made regarding Church Buildings, Manses, Schools, or other property, should be in favour of Trustees, who shall hold the property on behalf of the Congregation in connection with, or in case of property other than Church Manse or School Buildings, on behalf of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, the said Church being formed on the doctrinal basis of the Westminster Confession of Faith, provided, however, that in case of the adoption at any time thereafter by the Synod or General Assembly of the said Church of a Compendium or Abridgment of the said Confession, or a Declaration of Faith in harmony with the doctrines of the same as the standard of the said Church, the same shall be held as equivalent to the Westminster Confession itself.

"2.—That such Deed should express that the Congregation is subject to the judicatories of the Presbyterian Church of England, and that its administration is in accordance with the Presbyterian form of Church Government, and the Laws and Constitution of the Presbyterian Church of England.

"3.—That the Trustees be empowered in case of need, and with the assent of the Presbytery duly signified in writing, to sell the trust property, and also, with the consent of the Presbytery, to apply the proceeds as they may deem expedient on behalf of the Church.

"4.—That they incur no personal responsibility for any debt of the Congregation, nor be chargeable or accountable for any involuntary loss suffered by them, nor for any injury done by others on the premises.

"5.—That they have power to appoint new Trustees duly nominated by the Congregation, whenever they may deem it advisable, but that it be imperative on them so to do when their number is reduced below four.

"6.—That in case of any division as to the relation of the Congregation to the Synod, the Congregation, and the property belonging to the same, shall not cease to be connected with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, except on a vote to the contrary of a majority of three-fourths of the Communicants present at a meeting duly called, such majority constituting also not less than two-thirds of the Members on the Communion Roll at the time;

such vote to be further confirmed at a meeting similarly called, and by a majority answering to the same conditions, such second meeting not to be called within two months of the first.

"7.—That, in case of any division within the Synod resulting in the formation of two or more distinct bodies, a majority as aforesaid, and arrived at in the same manner, shall be able to decide to which of these bodies they will adhere.

"It was agreed to leave to the Law and Historical Documents Committee the consideration of the best method of providing for the necessary powers for the Trustees, in regard to the keeping the property in repair, or raising money on mortgage of the same, without interfering with the liberty of the Congregation in regard to the management of its own affairs.

"It was further agreed to request the Law and Historical Documents Committee to arrange for the drafting of a Model Trust Deed, containing the provisions now agreed upon, and to have copies of the same in the hands of members of both Committees some time before the March meeting, with a view to its revision for presentation to next meeting of Synod."

In conformity with such instructions the Sub-committee of the Law and Historical Documents Committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Edmond, W. Ballantyne, and the Convener, conferred with Mr. C. E. Lewis, M.P., on the subject, and desired him to prepare such Model Trust Deed for the Presbyterian Church of England, placing in his hands the Model Deed Trust of the Presbyterian Church in England, the proposed Form of Deed of the Congregations in connection with the United Presbyterian Church in England, and the resolutions passed by the Conference, with a wish that the Deed be made as simple as possible, referring all matters of Government of the Congregation, Session, Presbytery, and Synod to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church of England, as laid down in the Basis of Union and in the Forms and Practice of the said Church. Accordingly Mr. Lewis sent the following Draft Deed, perused and settled by Counsel, Edward R. Cook, Esq., of 23, Old Square, Lincoln's Inn. In a note appended to the Document Counsel observed :—

"In settling this Draft I have purposely made as few alterations as possible in those Clauses of the Model Deed of Trusts which have been imported into this Draft, having regard to the fact that these Clauses have been acted upon for a series of years without, I apprehend, during this long period, any objection being raised against them. I have assumed in settling this Draft that the property the subject of the trust is of freehold tenure. In case at any time the tenure is copyhold the form may easily be adapted with slight alteration to meet the change of tenure. This Deed should be enrolled within six months after the execution of the Deed conveying the property to the present Trustees, and in that case the conveyance will be valid without enrolment. It should be noticed that the Act 31 & 32 Vict. cap. 44. authorises disposition of land except by will to trustees on behalf of any society or body of

persons associated together for religious purposes, &c.; of land for the erection of a building for such purposes freed from the provisions of the Mortmain Act, provided the disposition is made for a valuable consideration as therein mentioned, and provided that the land does not exceed two acres in extent. See also "The Places of Worship Sites Act, 1873" (36 & 37 Vict. cap. 50).

The Sub-committee of the Law and Historical Documents Committee have not had time to examine the Draft Deed with sufficient care and minuteness, yet they venture to suggest that the clauses printed in Italics are either altogether unnecessary or may be greatly shortened and modified, or seem to require alteration.

The Trust Deed does not seem adapted for other property than Churches, Schools, and Manses.

The Sub-committee suggest that a Sub-committee of the Law and Historical Documents Committee and the Church Building Committee take the Draft Deed into its consideration, and that after correction the Law and Historical Documents Committee remit the Draft to the Synod.

LEONE LEVI, *Convener.*

March, 1878.

To all to whom THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME

The Trustees in whom certain property is vested declaring the trusts of it in favour of the Presbyterian Church of England.

SEND GREETING. WHEREAS the said

are seized of or entitled to

The parcels in respect of which the trusts are declared by this present instrument.

with the appurtenances for an estate of inheritance in fee simple in possession free from incumbrances. AND WHEREAS the said

are desirous to stand and be seized of the said land hereditaments and premises upon and for the trusts intents and purposes and in the manner hereinafter expressed.

NOW THESE PRESENTS WITNESS that for effectuating the said desire and in consideration of the premises IT IS HEREBY DECLARED AND AGREED that the said

Witness.

their heirs and assigns shall stand and be seized of the said land hereditaments and premises upon the trusts and with and subject to the powers provisoes agreements and declarations hereinafter declared and contained concerning the same (that is to say)

1.—UPON TRUST that they the said

Trusts for erection of Church and conveniences.

and the survivors and survivor of them and the heirs of such survivor and their or his assigns (who are hereinafter referred

to as the Trustees) do and shall with and out of the moneys now or hereafter to be possessed by them for that purpose as soon as conveniently may be after the execution of these trusts erect and build upon the said land and hereditaments or upon some part thereof a Church or Building for public religious worship in connection with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England with or without Vestry Session-room Schoolroom or Schoolrooms Minister's House Teacher's House or any of them respectively and with or without all such other buildings conveniences and appurtenances of whatsoever nature or description and in such manner as the persons lawfully exercising control over the temporal affairs of the Congregation hereinafter referred to as the Managers shall from time to time deem expedient or necessary and shall in the execution of the trusts aforesaid act under the direction of such Managers.

For religious and other purposes.

2.—AND UPON TRUST from time to time and at all times hereafter to permit and suffer the said Church or Building and other trust premises to be used and occupied for a place of Religious Worship and for the purposes according to the provisoes hereinafter contained concerning the same.

Doctrines and discipline to be taught and observed.

3.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that the doctrines to be preached or taught in the said Church or in any School or Schools for religious or for secular and religious instruction in connection therewith and the Worship to be observed and conducted in the said Church and the government and discipline of the Congregation from time to time belonging to the said Church and the ministrations and duties of the Ministers Elders Deacons and Members thereof shall be such as are consistent with the Presbyterian form of Church Government and agreeable to the following Standards of the Assembly of Divines convened at Westminster in the year 1643 (that is to say) the Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms such Standards being interpreted or explained in case of any doubt or difficulty by the Ecclesiastical Association or Body now designated and known as the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England and whether such Synod shall or shall not at any time or times hereafter associate or unite itself with or take into union any other body or associated bodies of Christians of any denomination whatever adhering to the aforesaid Standards (which Synod is hereinafter referred to as the Synod) and also such as shall be consistent with and agreeable to such additional directions or rules as to worship government or discipline (if any) as may from time to time be prescribed or ordained by the Synod. PROVIDED ALWAYS that in case of the adoption at any time hereafter by the Synod or General Assembly of the said Church of a Compendium or Abridgment of the said Standards or a Declaration of Faith in harmony with the doctrines of the same as the Standard of the said Church the same shall be held as equivalent to the aforesaid Standards. PROVIDED ALSO that every such interpretation or explanation and additional directions or rules Abridgment or Declaration shall be entered in some book or document belonging to the Synod and signed by the Moderator and Clerk thereof.

The Congregation to be subject to the Judicatories of the Presbyterian Church of England, &c.

4.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that the Congregation, Minister Elders Deacons and Members shall be subject to the Judicatories of the Presbyterian Church of England and that the administration of the affairs of the Congregation in all respects shall be in accordance with and regulated by the Presbyterian form of Church Government as interpreted explained and carried out by the rules regulations and forms of procedure of the Synod of the said Church.

Powers of Session.

5.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that subject to the revision of the Presbytery hereinafter mentioned and of the Synod the superintendence and control of the spiritual and ecclesiastical affairs of the said Congregation shall be vested in the Session that is to say the Minister or Ministers and Elders thereof for the time being.

Deposition to take away all rights and powers in Ministry or others deposed.

6.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that whenever any Minister Elder or Deacon or other person shall be deposed suspended or removed from his office or shall cease to be such he shall *ipso facto* immediately cease to have any trust estate or interest in the said premises or exercise any function or office in the said Congregation and shall be absolutely deprived of all the civil and pecuniary rights emoluments stipend or salary to which by virtue of his office he would but for such sentence have been entitled and shall forthwith deliver up to the Trustees all such parts of the said trust estate and premises and all such deeds books papers moneys and effects belonging or relating thereto as may then be in his occupation possession or power.

Alterations and repairs of church and buildings.

7.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that it shall be lawful for the Trustees whenever they shall be required so to do by the Managers to take down alter enlarge repair or rebuild the said Church or other buildings and premises or any of them or any part or parts thereof. AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER DECLARED that for the purposes of erecting and building the said Church Vestry Session-room Schoolroom or Schoolrooms Minister's House Teacher's House and other conveniences and appurtenances hereinbefore mentioned or any of them or for the purpose of making such alterations enlargements reparations or rebuildings as aforesaid or any of them the Trustees shall and they are hereby required whenever they shall be requested so to do by the Managers with the consent in writing of the Presbytery to be signified under the hands of the Moderator and Clerk for the time being of the Presbytery to raise borrow take up and receive whenever and as often as the Trustees see fit from any person or persons who shall be willing to advance and lend the same any sum or sums of money upon mortgage or lien of the said trust premises and for that purpose from time to time to convey and assure in fee or for any term or terms of years and with or without power of sale the said trust premises or any part thereof to any person or persons or to deposit the title-deeds of the said trust premises or any of them or to create any equitable charge or lien on the said trust premises or any of them for securing such sum or sums of money as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid or any of them. PROVIDED ALWAYS that no Trustees or Trustee shall be bound to incur any personal responsibility for any debt or debts which may be contracted for any of the purposes aforesaid.

Power to borrow money.

Powers of disposition with consent of Presbytery.

8.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that it shall be lawful for the Trustees with the consent of the Presbytery to be signified in writing under the hands of the Moderator and Clerk for the time being of the Presbytery at any time or times hereafter absolutely to sell and dispose of any such part or parts of the said hereditaments and premises as may for the time being be vacant or unoccupied by any building or buildings and either altogether or in parcels and for such price or prices as they may be able to obtain and to assure the same to the purchaser or purchasers freed and absolutely discharged from the trusts of these presents and the Trustees shall apply the money which shall arise from every such sale in discharging all the incumbrances liabilities and responsibilities whether personal or otherwise lawfully contracted or occasioned in execution of the trusts of these presents and subsequent thereto the surplus (if any) shall be paid to the Managers to be by them applied in such manner with the consent of the Presbytery to be signified in writing in manner aforesaid as they shall deem expedient on behalf of the Church.

Proceeds of sale, how to be applied.

Powers of disposition of unoccupied place of worship when a more suitable site is obtained.

9.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that if in the discretion of the Managers it shall at any time or times hereafter be deemed necessary or expedient to procure another place of worship or other building or buildings for the use of the Congregation then and in every such case it shall be lawful for the Trustees with the consent of the Presbytery to be signified in writing as aforesaid to sell the said trust premises or any part thereof either altogether or in parcels and for such price or prices as they may be able to obtain and to assure the same to the purchaser or purchasers freed and absolutely discharged from the trusts of these presents. And the money arising from such last-mentioned sale or sales shall in the first place be applied in discharging all such incumbrances liabilities and responsibilities as aforesaid and subject thereto the surplus (if any) shall be applied by the Trustees in or towards the procuring or completing of such other place of worship or buildings and conveniences (if any) as may have been contemplated on making such sale. And the residue (if any) shall be paid to the Managers to be by them applied in such manner and for such purposes as hereinbefore in the 10th Clause mentioned.

Powers to let.

10.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that if at any time hereafter the pew-rents voluntary contributions of the Members of the Congregation or other available sources of income in connection with or belonging to the said trust estate and premises shall be inadequate to discharge the interest of any money borrowed and to maintain the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of Ordinances in or upon the said trust premises it shall be lawful for the Trustees with the consent of the Presbytery to be signified in writing as aforesaid from time to time or at any time to let the said trust premises or any part or parts thereof for any term of years not exceeding seven years altogether for such rent fine or other sum of money as they may be able to obtain and after discharging all expenses and liabilities incident to the execution of the trusts of these presents to invest or pay over the surplus in such manner as shall be approved of by the Presbytery to be signified in

writing as aforesaid in order that the same may accumulate until the Presbytery shall consider it expedient to resume the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of Ordinances in or upon the said trust premises. But if the Trustees shall be unable to let the said trust premises in manner aforesaid for so much money as will suffice to defray the current charges for interest of debt (if any) and for repairs insurance and other necessary expenses and if they shall desire to retire and be discharged from the execution of the said trust (no proper persons being found to undertake the execution of the said trusts) then and in every such case it shall be lawful for the Trustees without any such consent of the Presbytery as aforesaid to sell and dispose of the said trust premises or any part thereof either altogether or in parcels and for such price or prices as they may be able to obtain and to assure or cause to be assured the same to the purchaser or purchasers freed and absolutely discharged from the trusts of these presents. And the money arising from such last-mentioned sale or sales shall in the first place be applied in discharging all such incumbrances liabilities and responsibilities as aforesaid and subject thereto the surplus (if any) shall be paid to the Treasurer for the time being of the Synod to be applied under the direction and at the discretion of the Synod for the spiritual benefit of the Congregation or for such other religious purposes in connection with the Synod as to the Synod shall seem meet. PROVIDED ALWAYS AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that no sale shall be made under the power contained in this clause unless the Trustees or the major part of them shall have given notice in writing to the Moderator and Clerk of the Presbytery three calendar months at least prior to the annual meeting of the Synod and to the Moderator and Clerk of the Synod one calendar month at least prior to the annual meeting of the Synod of the intention to make such sale and of the reason for the same nor unless the Presbytery and the Synod shall from the time of the giving of the first of such notices down to the expiration of three calendar months next after such annual meeting respectively refuse or neglect to give or provide the Trustees with such pecuniary assistance as would enable them to continue the execution of the trusts of these presents or refuse or neglect to provide other Trustees to take upon themselves the execution thereof. AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that at any time after the receipt of any such notice as aforesaid it shall be lawful for the Presbytery or for the Synod to appoint such persons to be Trustees of the said hereditaments and premises as they or either of them may think proper.

Powers of disposition without consent of Presbytery.

Proceeds of disposition under last-mentioned powers.

No sale however under such last-mentioned power to take place unless previous intimation be given to the Presbytery and Synod.

If notice of sale be given by Trustees because of their inability to find fresh Trustees, the Presbytery may appoint Trustees.

11.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that it shall not be incumbent on any mortgagee lessee or purchaser to inquire into the necessity or propriety of any mortgage demise or sale or the purposes for or the circumstances under which the same may be made nor whether any Minister Elder or Deacon or Trustee has been duly appointed or whether any such consent as aforesaid from the Presbytery or the Synod or either of them has been given and signed or at all previously obtained nor to inquire whether any notice or notices was or were given to the Presbytery or the Synod or either of them or any other person or persons or was or were valid nor whether the Presbytery or the Synod or either of them refused pecuniary assistance or to appoint other Trustees as afore-

Protection to mortgagees, lessees, and purchasers.

said nor whether the Managers had deemed it necessary or expedient to procure another place of worship or other buildings as aforesaid nor otherwise into the propriety or validity of such mortgage demise or sale nor be affected by express notice that all or any of the foregoing requisites or directions for a mortgage demise or sale or any other antecedent steps or directions to the due execution of any of the trusts or powers herein contained have not been complied with.

Receipts of Trustees good discharge.

12.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that the receipt and receipts of a majority of the Trustees shall in all cases of payment made to them or any of them as such Trustees or Trustee as aforesaid be a full discharge to the person or persons entitled to such receipt or receipts his her or their heirs executors administrators and assigns for all mortgage moneys purchase moneys rents or other moneys therein respectively expressed and acknowledged to have been received by any such Trustees or Trustee as aforesaid. AND it shall not be incumbent upon any such mortgagee or mortgagees lessee or lessees purchaser or purchasers or any of them or any other person or persons his her or their heirs executors administrators or assigns paying money to such Trustees to see to the application or be answerable or accountable for the loss misapplication or non-application of such purchase or other money or any part thereof for which a receipt or receipts shall be so respectively given as aforesaid.

Further protection to mortgagees, lessees, and purchasers.

Indemnity to Trustees.

13.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that the Trustees shall not nor shall any of them their or any of their heirs executors or administrators or any of them be chargeable or accountable for any involuntary loss suffered by them or any of them nor any one or more of them for any other or others of them nor for more money than shall come to their respective hands nor for injury done by others to the said trust premises or to any part or parts thereof.

Minister, Elder, or Trustee when elected to become a Trustee within the meaning of the 13 & 14 Vict. c. 28, unless he declines the Trusteeship.

Cessation of Trusteeship.

14.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that any person who shall be elected as Minister Elder Deacon or Manager of the Congregation shall immediately thereupon be eligible to become a Trustee within the intent and meaning of the Act 13 & 14 Vict. cap. 28. and being so elected unless he declines the trusteeship he shall continue such Trustee during the time he shall be Minister Elder Deacon or Manager jointly with the other Trustees if any or solely as the case may be except as hereinafter in this clause provided. If any Minister Elder Deacon Manager or Trustee for the time being shall voluntarily withdraw from or shall be excluded from membership therein by any sentence as herein provided or cease to be a Minister or Communicant or Seatholder in the Congregation or of or in some other Congregation of the Synod such Trustee shall thereupon cease to be a Trustee of these presents in the same manner as if he were actually dead.

Direction for the appointment of fresh Trustees.

15.—AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER DECLARED that whenever the number of Trustees acting under or in pursuance of these presents and whether the legal estate in the said premises shall be vested in them or not shall be diminished or if at any time it shall be deemed

advisable to increase the number of Trustees it shall be lawful and if the number be reduced below four it shall be imperative for the Congregation to appoint so many fit and proper persons under the Act 13 & 14 Vict. cap. 28. as they may deem expedient to be Trustees of the said piece or parcel of land Church hereditaments and premises. AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that in order to save the expense of frequent conveyances every Trustee so appointed shall be fully competent to act immediately upon his election or appointment although the legal estate in the said trust premises may not by the said act or otherwise be effectually vested in him nor shall it be incumbent on any lessee mortgagee or purchaser to call for or insist on such conveyance being obtained but whenever the number of Trustees in whom the legal estate is vested for the time being shall be reduced below four the said trust estate and premises shall without delay be duly conveyed to and vested in the continuing and new Trustees or to or in the new Trustees solely as the case may be upon the trusts herein contained or referred to or such of them as may be subsisting and capable of taking effect.

Peremptory direction for appointment of fresh Trustees whenever reduced below four.

16.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary it shall be lawful for the Minister Elders Deacons and Managers or a majority of them with the consent of the Synod such last-mentioned consent to be signified under the hands of the Moderator and Clerk for the time being of the Synod and to be written in or upon the deed or instrument in writing in or by which any of the trusts herein contained may be revoked or altered or in or by which any new or amended trusts may be declared to alter revoke or annul or to add to or diminish amend explain or modify all or any of the trusts powers provisoes agreements and declarations herein contained and to declare such new and additional or other trusts powers provisoes agreements and declarations as the Synod may permit without reference or regard to the original trusts powers provisoes declarations and agreements herein expressed or contained or referred to or the usage or practice of the Congregation or their government discipline mode of worship or any other matter or thing whatsoever and without being controlled or restrained by any such trusts usage or practice so nevertheless that such alterations revocations and additional or diminished amended explained or modified trusts powers provisoes or declarations shall not interfere with restrain or affect that portion and that portion only of the trusts hereinbefore in the third clause contained which directs that the doctrines to be preached and taught in the said Church or in any School or Schools in connection therewith and the worship to be observed and conducted in the said Church and the government and discipline of the Congregation from time to time belonging to the said Church and the ministration and duties of the Minister or Ministers Elders Deacons and Members thereof shall be such as are consistent with the Presbyterian form of Church Government and agreeable to the aforesaid Westminster Standards so explained or interpreted as hereinbefore mentioned and such altered revoked and new or additional or other trusts powers provisoes and declarations in like manner as these

General power of revocation but not to affect fundamental part of the 3rd Clause.

presents shall from time to time and at all times be and remain subject to this present clause and to the power therein contained.

A meeting is to be convened in the event of a division of opinion between the Synod and the Congregation.

17.—*AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that in the event of the Congregation becoming divided in opinion as to the relation of the Congregation to the Synod a meeting of the Congregation shall be convened by the Session seven days' notice at the least specifying the place day and hour of meeting and the purpose for which the meeting is to be held shall be given in such manner as may be prescribed by the Synod. The Chairman who shall preside at such meeting and at the subsequent meeting hereinafter mentioned shall be chosen by a simple majority of the votes given thereon. The matters in dispute shall be decided by a majority of three-fourths of the Members or Communicants present at such meeting who shall also constitute not less than two-thirds of the Members on the Communion Roll at the time of the meeting. The resolution which shall be carried at such meeting shall be confirmed by the same majority of votes at a subsequent meeting which shall be convened such subsequent Meeting not being convened until after the expiration of two months at least after the previous meeting shall have been held.*

In the event of a dispute among the Members of the Synod a meeting to be convened by the Minister Elders and Deacons.

18.—*AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that in the event of the Synod becoming divided in opinion on any matter appertaining to the aforesaid Westminster Standards and of becoming divided into two or more distinct bodies or Synods the Ministers Elders and Deacons shall convene a meeting of the Communicants in manner provided by the 19th Clause to obtain a decision as to which of the said bodies the Congregation shall adhere or of which such Congregation shall form a part and the decision thus obtained at such meeting (which decision shall be arrived at in the same manner as is provided by the said clause) shall be final and conclusive in reference thereto and the powers and stipulations herein contained which have reference to the Synod and the Moderator and Clerk thereof shall thenceforth apply to and be exercised by the body to which the Congregation shall have decided to belong or of which it shall form a part and by the Moderator and Clerk or other similar officers of such last-mentioned body or Synod.*

In the event of a General Assembly being formed and questions should arise between this body and the Synod should not the clause meet such a contingency see the 7th resolution.

19.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that in case the Synod shall determine to institute or form part of a General Assembly solely or in conjunction with any other Church or Churches adhering to the Standards hereinbefore mentioned then every sentence and decision of the Synod shall be subject to the revision and control of such General Assembly and the powers and authorities hereinbefore in the 3rd and 18th Clauses respectively contained shall thenceforth be vested in and exercised by such General Assembly and not by the Synod and it shall also be lawful for such General Assembly to exercise any other or others of the powers herein mentioned as belonging to the Synod and for that purpose such General Assembly shall have original powers and jurisdiction concurrent with the powers and jurisdiction of the Synod and the powers and stipulations hereinbefore contained which have reference to the Synod and the Moderator and Clerk thereof shall thenceforth apply to and be exercised by such General Assembly and the Moderator and Clerk or other similar officers thereof and the powers and stipulations herein contained

which have reference to the Presbyteries composing or forming part of the Synod and to the Churches which have reference to the Synod and the Moderator and Clerk thereof and Congregations within the bounds or forming part of such Presbyteries and to members of such Churches or Congregations shall thenceforth apply to and be exercised by the Presbyteries composing or forming part of such General Assembly and the Churches and Congregations within the bounds and forming part of such last-mentioned Presbyteries and the members of such last-mentioned Churches and Congregations.

20.—AND IT IS HEREBY LASTLY DECLARED that if such General Assembly shall resolve or declare that the Synod has ceased to exist or that the same shall cease to exist at any future time to be appointed by such General Assembly and if such General Assembly shall form the Presbyteries of which it shall or may be composed into two or more Provincial Synods subordinate to such General Assembly then the powers and stipulations hereinbefore contained shall thenceforth apply to and be exercised by the Provincial Synod within the bounds of which the said trust premises shall be situate or of which the said Congregation shall form a part and the Moderator and Clerk or other similar officers of such Provincial Synod. PROVIDED ALWAYS that it shall be lawful to appeal from such Provincial Synod to the said General Assembly or Association whose decision shall be final.

IN WITNESS &c.

Appendix C.

HISTORICAL FACTS RELATING TO CONGREGATIONS FORMERLY CONNECTED WITH THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Presbytery of Berwick.

BELFORD, ERSKINE.
Date of Building, 1777.
Ministers.

1793 Rev. John Thomson.
1831 John Hunter.
1867 John Laing, B.A.

NORHAM, SOUTH CHURCH.
Date of Building, 1753.
Ministers.

1756 Rev. James Morrison.
1812 Thomas Young.
1847 James T. Anderson, A.M.
1869 George Hislop Main.

Presbytery of Northumberland.

BEDLINGTON.
Date of Building, 1845.
Minister.

1845 Rev. Ebenezer G. Dall.

BELLINGHAM.
Date of Building, 1806.
Ministers.

1808 Rev. Alexander Brown.
1829 John Young.
1871 William W. Ney.

ALNWICK.
Clayport Street.
Date of Building, 1846.
Ministers.

1778 Rev. John Marshall.
1806 David Paterson, A.M.
1845 John Ker, A.M., D.D.
1852 William Limont.

ALNWICK.
Lisburn Street.
Date of Building, 1839.
Ministers.

1839 Rev. Peter Glassford.
1843 David Donaldson.

NORTH MIDDLETON.
Date of Building, 1817.
Ministers.

1817 Rev. Walter Bell.
1844 John Miller.
1848 James Robertson.
1872 Allan Wilson.

OTTERBURN.
Date of Building, 1833.
Ministers.

1835 Rev. Anthony Leslie Christie.
1862 James Christie, B.A.
1869 Alexander Bryce Muir.
Robert P. Douglas.

WOOLER.
Tower Hill.
Date of Building, 1779.
Ministers.

1778 Rev. George Bell.
1802 James Robertson.
1848 Peter Whyte.

WARKWORTH.
Date of Building, 1828.
Ministers.

1829 Rev. James Blair.
1836 James Duncan.
1854 William Stewart.
1871 William Rogerson.

Presbytery of Newcastle.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING.
Date of Building, 1825.
Ministers.

1826 Rev. John Morris.
1847 Anderson Drysdale.
1855 Alexander Shennan.
1869 James Milligan.

JARROW-ON-TYNE, ELLISON STREET.
Date of Building, 1857.
Ministers.

1857 Rev. John C. Weir.

BLACKHILL.

Date of Building, 1860.

Ministers.

1859 Rev. William Lauder.
1869 Alexander Baillie.

NEWCASTLE.

Blacket Street,

Original Building, 1744.

Ministers.

1752 Rev. Alexander Nimmo.
1771 William Graham.
1791 William Sime.
1831 David C. Browning.
1848 Alexander Walker.
1853 Matthew M'Naughton.
1863 Richard Leitch.

BARRAS BRIDGE,

Formerly Cariol Street, 1744.

Date of Building, 1872.

Ministers.

1743 Rev. Thomas Somerville.
1759 James Robertson.
1769 John Baillie.
1785 John Smith.
1822 Adam Dawson Gillon.
1830 Alexander Schaw.
1834 George Bell.
John B. Hastings.

WESTMORELAND ROAD.

Date of Building, 1872.

Ministers.

1804 Rev. James Pringle.
1845 John B. Johnstone, D.D.
1847 John Clarke Houston.
1853 Stephen Wallace, A.M.
1872 John Thompson, M.A.

ST. GEORGE'S.

Date of Building, 1863.

Ministers.

1851 Rev. Alexander Walker.
1852 George Dodds.
1854 James Graham Potter.
James R. Potter.

ERSKINE CHURCH.

Date of Building, 1869.

Ministers.

1854 Rev. David Paterson.
1857 Robert Brown.

GATESHEAD, DURHAM ROAD.

Ministers.

1871 Rev. James George.
Robert Stuart, M.A.

NORTH SUNDERLAND.

Date of Building, 1808.

Ministers.

1810 Rev. Moses Henry Williamson.
1819 George Dickson.
1834 Andrew Broom.
1842 Hugh Glover.
1870 George Henderson.

SUNDERLAND, SMYRNA CHAPEL.

Date of Building, 1843.

Ministers.

1766 Rev. James Waugh.
1787 Thos. Mason.
1827 Thomas Scott.
1835 John Parker.
1837 Patrick B. Robertson.
1838 Robert Paterson.

TRINITY CHURCH.

Date of Building, 1870.

Ministers.

1822 Rev. David Duncan.
1831 James Muir.
1859 Henry Angus, M.A.
James J. Rae.

BETHANY CHAPEL.

Date of Building, 1856.

Minister.

1845 Rev. John Morris.

BLYTH, BRIDGE STREET.

Date of Building, 1827.

Ministers.

1829 Rev. Daniel Carmichael.
1861 James Craig.

WALLSEND.

Date of Building, 1846.

Ministers.

1823 Rev. Robert Neil.
1837 John Robertson.
1836 David Wilson.

NORTH SHIELDS.

Date of Building, 1812.

Ministers.

1781 Rev. George More.
1788 Alexander Armstrong.
1813 Thomas Gilmour.
1842 Thos. Bowman.
1845 Henry Erskine Fraser, A.M.
1858 William Salmond, B.A.

SOUTH SHIELDS, EAST STREET.

A separate Congregation, 1809.

Ministers.

1810 Rev. William Bruce.
1818 Andrew Stark, LL.D.

1822 Rev. Henry Lawson.
1859 John M'Neill.
1864 Matthew Kinnaird, A.M.

MILE END ROAD.
First Church, 1779.
Ministers.
1783 Rev. Joseph Matthews.
1835 Thos. McCreath.
1864 Thos. Whitelaw, M.A.
1867 William Steele, M.A.

STAMFORDHAM.
Origin, 1662.
Ministers.
1662 Rev. John Owen, *Vicar.*
James Dryden.
1788 John Orr.
James Bryce.
Robert Gillan.
1833 R. V. Bromfield.
1838 F. Macintyre.
1847 William Fisken.

MONKWEARMOUTH,
St. Stephen's.
Date of Building, 1827.
Ministers.
1829 Rev. Charles Johnston.
1851 John Mathison.

SWALWELL.
Date of Building, 1832.
Ministers.
1832 Rev. William Rattray.
1858 William R. Barrie.
1862 George Samuel.

HEXHAM.
Date of Building, 1864.
Ministers.
1833 Rev. John Boyd, D.D.
1845 Peter Bannatyne.
1851 Alexander Henderson.
1856 John M'Kenzie Wilson.

WALKER.
Date of Building, 1866.
Ministers.
1849 Rev. James Watson.
1852 Walter Riddell.
1859 George Black.
1865 George Douglas.

WHITBY.
Date of Building, 1790.
Ministers.
1799 Rev. Peter Thomson.
1806 George Young, D.D.
1849 George Bartholomew.
1856 Rev. Hugh Stillie Campbell.
1868 George Robertson, M.A.

WELLINGTON QUAY.
Date of Building, 1867.
Ministers.
1867 Rev. Thomas S. Trench.
James Craig.

Presbytery of Darlington.
MOUNT PLEASANT, FERRYHILL.
Date of Building, 1864.
Minister.
1863 Rev. Charles Frisken.

MIDDLESBOROUGH.
Date of Building, 1865.
Ministers.
1863 Rev. John M'Neill.
1871 Robert A. Watson.

CROOK.
Date of Building, 1865.
Minister.
1863 Rev. Thomas Dodds.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.
Date of Building, 1865.
Ministers.
1866 Rev. William Hunter.
1867 Thomas Boyd, B.A.

TOWLAW, COUNTY OF DURHAM.
Date of Building, 1865.
Minister.
1864 Rev. Ernest F. Scott.

HULL.
Origin, 1838.
Ministers.
1841 Rev. James Whyte.
1847 Alexander Renton.
1853 James L. Rome, F.G.S.
1871 John Forrest.

HARTLEPOOL.
Date of Building, 1839.
Ministers.
1840 Rev. John Paterson.
1843 James Douglas.
1865 James Bryce Whyte.

HARTLEPOOL (WEST).
Date of Building, 1869.
Minister.
1858 Rev. Thomas Campbell.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

Date of Building, 1861.

Ministers.

1849 Rev. James Caldwell.
1852 Adam Stewart.
1871 John Bogue, M.A.

Presbytery of Carlisle.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

Date of Building, 1868.

Ministers.

1868 Rev. William B. Melville.
1870 William Ferguson.

KENDAL.

Date of Formation, 1763.

Ministers.

1765 Rev. James M'Quhae.
1774 Thomas Simpson.
1825 Alexander Marshall.
1828 Robert Wilson, A.M., D.D.
1834 Henry Calderwood, LL.D.
1840 John Guthrie, A.M.
1845 John Inglis.
1859 Hugh Wallace.

Presbytery of Carlisle.

PENRITH.

Date of Formation, 1700.

Ministers.

1799 Rev. Henry Thomson.
1858 John Tannahill, M.A.

CARLISLE.

Date of Formation, 1778.

Ministers.

1810 Rev. Archibald Henderson.
1819 Richard Hunter.
1853 Robert Drummond, A.M., D.D.
1858 Henry Miller, A.M.
1870 James Christie, B.A.

MARYPORT, CROSBY STREET.

Date of Building, 1831.

Ministers.

1823 Rev. Hugh Milvain.
1831 William Bookless.
1851 John Scott Craig.

SUTTON.

Date of Building, 1850.

Ministers.

1851 Rev. James Galloway.
1855 David Pirret.
1861 William G. Fraser.

WHITEHAVEN.

Date of Building, 1760.

Ministers.

1759 Rev. William Grahame.
1773 John Colquhoun.
1787 David Williamson.
1821 Robert Hogg.
1834 Alexander Sutherland.
1847 James Howie.
1852 William Drummond.
1866 James Anderson.

Presbytery of Liverpool.

BIRKENHEAD, ST. PAUL'S.

Date of Building, 1860.

Ministers.

1858 Rev. John Thomson, M.A.
Alexander B. Muir.

BIRKENHEAD, GRANGE ROAD.

Date of Building, 1848.

Minister.

1847 Rev. James Towers.

CLAUGHTON TRINITY CHURCH,

Date of Building, 1866.

Minister.

1863 Rev. Alexander MacLeod, D.D.

EGREMONT.

Date of Building, 1860.

Ministers.

1860 Rev. Robert Cameron.
1865 James Muir.

LIVERPOOL, MOUNT PLEASANT.

Date of Building, 1827.

Ministers.

1809 Rev. John Stewart, D.D.
1838 Hugh Crichton, D.D.
1846 William Graham.

DERBY ROAD (BOOTLE).

Date of Building, 1856.

Ministers.

1855 Rev. William Mackergo Taylor, M.A., D.D.
1872 Robert French, M.A.

LIVERPOOL, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Date of Building, 1865.

Minister.

1864 Rev. Hugh T. Howat.

PRINCE'S ROAD.
Date of Building, 1865.
Ministers.
1865 Rev. Alexander B. Grosart, F.S.A.
1868 John Davis Bowden.

RAMSEY, ISLE OF MAN.
Date of Building, 1834.
Ministers.
1845 Rev. John Robb.
1853 William Walker.
1856 Duncan M'Owan.

TUNLEY.
Date of Building, 1691.
Minister.
1837 Rev. Alexander Leslie.

Presbytery of Manchester.

MANCHESTER,
BRUNSWICK STREET.
Date of Building, 1858.
Ministers.
1801 Rev. Robert Jack, D.D.
1827 William M'Kerrow, D.D.
1867 George F. James.
1872 William Rigby Murray.

MANCHESTER,
COUPLAND STREET.
Date of Building, 1853.
Ministers.
1850 Rev. Robert Selkirk Scott, M.A., D.D.
1869 Joseph Corbett.
John Sclater.

PENDLETON.
Date of Building, 1872.
Minister.
1870 Rev. William Morison, M.A.

BLACKBURN, ST. GEORGE'S.
Date of Building, 1868.
Ministers.
1830 Rev. Francis Skinner, D.D.
1868 Alexander B. Grosart, LL.D.

BLACKBURN, MOUNT STREET.
Date of Building, 1866.
Minister.
1870 Rev. Arthur McArthur.

ROCHDALE (TRINITY CHURCH).
Date of Building, 1869.
Minister.
1867 Rev. Alexander H. Drysdale, M.A.

BRADFORD.
Date of Building, 1848.
Ministers.
1848 Rev. Alexander Wallace, D.D.
1852 David Sim.
1865 Andrew Gibb Russell, M.D.

LEEDS, HANOVER SQUARE.
Date of Building, 1868.
Ministers.
1865 Rev. William James.
1868 William Morison, A.M.
1871 Thomas M. Brunton, M.A.
Duncan Sillars.

Presbytery of Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM (CAMP HILL).
Date of Building, 1869.
Minister.
1867 Rev. James M. M'Kerrow, B.A.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.
Date of Building, 1861.
Ministers.
1863 Rev. William Thomson.
1870 John Robertson.

WOLVERHAMPTON.
Date of Building, 1870.
Ministers.
1865 Rev. William B. Thomson, M.A.
1867 John James.
1871 Robert Gardner.
John H. Rodgers.

SMETHWICK.
Date of Building, 1853.
Ministers.
1866 Rev. Daniel Paterson, A.M.
1868 Alexander M. Dalrymple, A.M.

DERBY.
Date of Building, 1869.
Minister.
1865 Rev. Adam Lind, Simpson, F.S.A., D.D.

LEICESTER.
Date of Building, 1869.
Minister.
1868 Rev. James Ker, A.M.

Presbytery of Bristol.

BRISTOL.
Date of Building, 1859.
Ministers.
1857 Rev. Matthew Dickie.
1871 Peter Rutherford.

Presbytery of London.

LONDON, OXENDON STREET.

Date of Formation, 1744.

Ministers.

1752 Rev. David Wilson.
1782 George Jerment, D.D.
1817 William Broadfoot.
1832 Thos. Archer, D.D.
1866 James Allison.
A. W. Carmichael.

ALBANY CHURCH,

Now United with Oxendon.

Date of Building, 1863.

Ministers.

1765 Rev. Archibald Hall.
1782 Alexander Waugh, A.M., D.D.
1831 Robert Redpath, A.M.
Andrew W. Carmichael.

HIGHBURY (PARK CHURCH).

Date of Building, 1862.

Minister.

1860 Rev. John Edmond, D.D.

ST. PAUL'S, WESTBOURNE GROVE.

Date of Building, 1862.

Ministers.

1862 Rev. David King, LL.D.
1871 Walter Morison, B.A.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLAPHAM ROAD.

Date of Building, 1862.

Ministers.

1862 Rev. John Macfarlane, LL.D.
David MacEwan, D.D.

STRATFORD.

Date of Building, 1870.

Ministers.

1864 Rev. Andrew Black.
George Wilson.

HAMMERSMITH (ST. ANDREW'S).

Date of Building, 1870.

Minister.

1869 Rev. Henry Miller, A.M.

NEW BARNET.

Date of Building, 1870.

Minister.

1871 Rev. George Drysdale.

BOW.

Date of Building, 1869.

Ministers.

1869 Rev. William Allan Curr.
1872 James M. Erskine.

FOREST HILL (ST. JOHN'S).

Date of Building, 1870.

Ministers.

1870 Rev. Thomas Russell.
1872 William Boyd.

WOOLWICH (ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH).

Date of Building, 1871.

Minister.

1862 Rev. Robert Balgarnie.

ALDERSHOT.

Date of Building, 1864.

Minister.

1865 Rev. Robert Campbell.

SILVER HILL, HASTINGS.

Date of Building, 1857.

Ministers.

1867 Rev. Daniel Paterson, M.A.
1869 George B. Curr.

REPORT OF THE SYNOD FUND,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

THE Treasurer of the Synod Fund begs to present an abstract of his accounts for the past year.

It will be seen that the balance of £69 9s. 10d. against him at the beginning of the year has been exhausted, and a debit balance of £40 19s. 7d. is carried forward. Pending the final settlement of the proposed changes in the organisation of the Committees, now under discussion, it would be premature to fix any estimate of the expenditure of the coming year; but even should no additional charge be thrown upon the Fund, a sum of not less than £1200 will be required.

JAMES WATSON,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PURPOSES,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

THIS Committee has met during the past year, but no business calling for the attention of Synod having been brought before them, they present no Report.

Having regard, however, to the non-appointment of the Finance Committee by the Synod, they venture to recommend that the collections for the schemes of the Church be made during the coming year in the same order, and at the same times, as during previous years.

JAMES WATSON,

Convener.

Dr. The Treasurer of the Synod Fund in Account with the Synod. Cr.

1877.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To balance from last account		...		69	9	10
,, Cash received from the undermentioned Presbyteries, viz.,						
Berwick	30	0	0	...		
Birmingham	39	19	6	...		
Bristol	20	0	0	...		
Carlisle...	30	0	0	...		
Darlington	30	0	0	...		
Liverpool	178	13	4	...		
London	280	10	0	...		
Manchester	137	17	6	...		
Newcastle-on-Tyne ...	143	10	0	...		
Northumberland ...	75	12	0	...		
				966	2	4
,, Balance due to Treasurer ...		...		40	19	7
				1076	11	9

Audited and found correct.

1877.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Payment of Travelling Expenses of Ministers and Elders to Meeting of Synod in London, viz.,						
Berwick	56	13	0			
Birmingham	39	18	10			
Bristol	26	16	4			
Carlisle...	67	3	8			
Darlington	68	17	1			
Liverpool	85	11	2			
London	24	10	2			
Manchester	79	4	8			
Newcastle-on-Tyne ...	82	16	8			
Northumberland... ...	175	16	4			
				707	7	11
,, Deputations to Free Church ...	8	5	6			
,, ,, Irish ,, ...	7	10	0			
,, ,, United Presbyterian	16	7	4			
,, ,, Welsh ,,	4	2	0			
,, ,, Vaudois ,,	7	0	0			
				43	4	10
,, Honorarium and Allowance to Clerk of Synod				80	0	0
,, Committee on Statistics				10	10	0
,, Publications Committee				76	19	8
,, Printing Reports, Actings and Proceedings, &c.				136	4	9
,, Incidental Expenses				22	4	7
				1076	11	9

JAMES WATSON,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS,

RECEIVED BY THE SYNOD, 1878.

Your Committee have much pleasure in reporting that returns have been received this year from 240 out of 267 charges on the Roll of Synod. Of the 28 returns wanting, 2 were from Demerara and Singapore; 9 from established charges not received for two years, viz., Norham South Church, Jarrow Wear Street, Sutton, Manchester Higher Broughton, Risley, London, Oxendon, Wood Green, and Maidstone; 11 returns from established charges not received this year for the first time, viz., Wooler Cheviot Street, Wallsend, Birkenhead St. Paul's, Bradford, Wigan, Shrewsbury (which came too late), Upper Norwood, Aberdare, Brighton Trinity, Aldershot, London Bow Road; and 6 from new charges wanting for the first time, viz., Newcastle Byker, Manchester Eccles, Preston, Birmingham, Walsall, and London Brockley and Richmond.

PART I.—CONGREGATIONAL.

DATES.

The dates of the formation of the different congregations, and of the Ministers' ordination, or induction to their respective charges, are not yet as perfect as is to be desired, and information on the subject will be gratefully received.

TENURES.

The tenures differ much in the different Presbyteries. Of 213 returns of tenure received, 144 were freehold, 63 leasehold, 3 copyhold, and 3 proprietary.

REGISTRATION FOR MARRIAGES.

On the 31st December, 1875, the number of buildings registered for the solemnisation of marriages belonging to Presbyterians in England and Wales was as follows:—

Church of Scotland	20
United Presbyterians	95
Presbyterian Church in England	98
	213

Compared with the number of buildings belonging to other denominations the proportions were as follows:—

Denomination.	No. of Buildings.	Proportion per cent.
Presbyterians	213	2·80
Independents	2004	26·38
Baptists	1473	19·40
Methodists	2625	34·57
Roman Catholics	766	10·08
Unitarians	195	2·57
Others	319	4·20
	7595	100·00

INSURANCE.

The reported amount insured was £612,490. Some returns have omitted this particular, and it is to be hoped that no congregation omits to perform this important duty. On an average the amount insured was £2965 for each church.

DEBTS.

The debts reported amounted to £102,272 on churches, and £6939 on manses. Total £109,211, against £109,831 in 1876. At the moderate rate of 4 per cent., the annual interest due may be estimated at £4300 a year.

SITTINGS.

The number of available sittings in the Church was 119,072, and the number let or allocated was 56,072. Omitting from the calculation all churches which did not return the number of sittings let or the number for which the churches are seated, or those where the sittings are not let, the proportion allocated or actually let was 35 per cent. in the Presbytery of Birmingham, 45 per cent. in that of Bristol, 53 per cent. in that of Manchester, 54 per cent. in that of Northumberland, 57 per cent. in that of London, 58 per cent. in that of Liverpool, 63 per cent in that of Newcastle, 63 per cent. in that of Berwick, 84 per cent in that of Carlisle, and 90 per cent. in the Presbytery of Darlington.

The number of sittings let was as follows:—

Presbyterian Church in England.	
1875	35,537
Presbyterian Church of England.	
1876	56,540
1877	55,596

COMMUNICANTS.

The number of communicants on the last revised Communion Roll in 1877 was 50,739, against 47,284 in 1876. This increase, however, is in great part due to the larger number of returns received this year. Comparing the communicants in the congregations which sent returns in both years, the increase is only 1382, or in the proportion of 3 per cent.

Particulars are given of the movement of communicants during the year. Placing the number admitted for the first time and the number received by certificates against the number removed by certificates, and number lapsed or dead, there would appear to be a balance increase of 1702. A large number of lapses is registered every year, the number in 1877 having been 2259. What proportion of these are eventually recovered, or what number left for other places or countries uncertificated, it is difficult to say. Such particulars are not, however, accurately given in many cases, the increase or decrease in the number on the last revised roll far from agreeing with the increase or decrease resulting from the accessions or removals during the year, as may be seen on a careful inspection of the returns from separate congregations. No Sessions, moreover, seem to keep an account of the movements of their members, or if they do, do not keep the account in a manner capable of being exhibited in the schedules. On an average our congregations have 208 communicants each. In the Presbytery of Birmingham the average was 105, Carlisle 136, Darlington 151, North-Cumberland 174, Manchester 179, Bristol 186, London 218, Newcastle 245, Berwick 264, and Liverpool 308.

The number of communicants was as follows :—

Year.	Communicants.	Increase per cent.
Presbyterian Church in England.		
1875	29,351	—
Presbyterian Church of England.		
1876	47,284	58·56
1877	50,739	7·30

Comparing the number of communicants with the population of each county, estimated to the middle of the year 1877, the proportion per 1000 was as follows :—

	Number of Communicants.	Per 1000 of Population.
Northumberland	13,600	32·7
Cumberland	2,100	9·1
Durham	5,200	6·3
Cheshire	2,300	4·0
Lancashire	10,300	3·3
Middlesex	7,000	2·5
Hampshire	960	1·7
Surrey	2,000	1·5
Gloucester	1,100	1·3
Monmouthshire	270	1·1
Sussex	500	1·1
Berks	700	0·8
York	1,000	0·7
Warwickshire	440	0·6
Devon	300	0·5
Essex	200	0·5
Stafford	430	0·4
Worcestershire	150	0·4
Leicestershire	90	0·3
Shropshire	80	0·3
Derby	100	0·3
Suffolk	100	0·3
Lincoln	100	0·2
Hereford	—	—

In all England and Wales, 24 per 1000 inhabitants were communicants of the Presbyterian Church of England. In 13 counties, viz., Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Cornwall, Dorset, Hertfordshire, Huntingdon, Northampton, Oxfordshire, Rutland, Somersetshire, Westmoreland, and Wiltshire, there are no Presbyterian Churches.

A return to the House of Commons of the number of communicants on the Roll in each parish belonging to the Church of Scotland, in 1873, gave the total number at 460,566. The Free Church of Scotland had in April, 1867, 197,970 communicants, and in April, 1875, 204,832, showing an increase of 7062, being at the rate of 3·57 per cent. in the eight years, or 0·44 per cent. per annum. The United Presbyterian Church had in 1868 177,905 communicants, and in April, 1875, 190,242, showing an increase of 12,337, or at the rate of 6·93 per cent. in the seven years, or 0·99 per cent. per annum. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland in 1864 had 122,790 communicants, and in 1875, 109,336 showing a decrease of 13,454. Collectively, the Church of Scotland, the Free Church of Scotland, the United Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and the Presbyterian Church of England had together 1,015,715 communicants.

OFFICE-BEARERS.

For the spiritual and temporal government of such communicants, there were 1413 Elders and 267 Ministers, 573 Deacons and 1761 Managers. For the spiritual necessities of members, there was 1 office-bearer to 30 communicants; for the temporal, 1 office-bearer to 21 communicants. It is only reasonable to expect that the better equipped the congregations, the greater will be its efficiency.

The proportion of these office-bearers was as follows :—

Year.	Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.
Presbyterian Church in England.			
1875	716	469	736
Presbyterian Church of England.			
1876	1291	542	1686
1877	1413	573	1761

COLLEGE.

The number of students in the college was as follows :—

Year.	1st Year.	2nd Year.	3rd Year.	Total.
Presbyterian Church in England.				
1875	2	3	9	14
Presbyterian Church of England.				
1876	3	9	5	17
1877	14	2	9	25

MARRIAGES, BAPTISMS, AND DEATHS.

During the year 497 marriages were celebrated in our churches, against

505 in 1876, or in the proportion of 9·82 per 1000 in 1877, against 10·84 per 1000 in 1876. It is to be regretted that in some instances no record is taken of marriages. Marriage, if not a sacrament, is certainly one of the most sacred acts in the civil life of a communicant. If not wanted for evidence where the Registrar is present, the certificate of the Minister performing may yet be of great use to the parties, and record of the same ought to be available in case of need. The number of baptisms was 3267 against 2866, and the number of deaths 711 against 625 in 1876, or in proportion of 14·01 per 1000 communicants in 1877, against 14·18 per 1000 in 1876.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS AND WORK.

The number of Visitors, of Members of Dorcas Societies, and of Sabbath School Teachers ought to bear some proportion to the number of communicants. A glance at the number in each Presbytery will show that whilst in some Presbyteries there are only 3 communicants to one worker, in other Presbyteries there are only 13 and 18 communicants to one worker in Christ's vineyard. The number of Sabbath Scholars reported is 49,471 in 1877, against 42,088 in 1876. The number of Members of Young Men's Societies 3230, against 2933; and of Bible Classes 6031 against 5601.

CHINA MISSION.

The statistics of this Mission are as follows :—

Year.	European Missionaries.	Native Missionaries.	Stations.	Members.
	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ENGLAND.			
1875	15	56	61	2172
	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.			
1876	15	49	64	1974
1877	15	56	62	2117

PART II.—FINANCIAL.

The receipts of the Church are partly for Congregational and partly for Synodical purposes. The receipts for Congregational purposes, from seat-rents and from ordinary or special collections, are for the maintenance of the ordinances of the Church, and for the Congregational Poor and Congregational Missions. The receipts for Synodical purposes by Collections or Subscriptions are for the Schemes of the Church, viz., its Missions at home and abroad, the Sustentation Fund, the College and Schools.

CONGREGATIONAL RECEIPTS.

The receipts for Congregational purposes were : by seat-rents £37,445, by collections for Church ordinances £51,548, by collections for the Poor and Congregational Missions £17,849, Total, £106,842. Add the

amount received for local and temporary purposes, £38,937, and we have a total of £145,829. During the last three years the receipts were as follows :—

Year.	Seat Rents.	Collections for Church Ordinances.	Collections for the Poor & Congregational Missions.	Total.	Collections and Subscriptions for Local and Temporary Purposes.	Total.
			Presbyterian Church in England.			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1875	22,672	25,364	8030	50,066	24,285	80,351
			Presbyterian Church of England.			
1876	35,523	48,060	14,439	98,072	39,016	137,088
1877	37,445	51,548	17,849	106,842	38,937	145,829

SYNODICAL RECEIPTS.

The receipts for Synodical purposes were partly from Congregational Collections or Subscriptions, partly from Individual Donations, and partly from Legacies, Interests on Investments, Grants from other Churches, and other extraneous sources.

The amount received from Congregational Collections and Subscriptions were as follows :—

Year.	Sustentation Fund.	Home Mssns.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mssns.	Continental Missions.	College.	School.	Buildings.	Thanksgivings.	Total.
					Presbyterian Church in England.					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1875	2550	1115	4493	837	231	706	206	3903	—	140,41
					Presbyterian Church of England.					
1876	3069	1588	5218	824	194	810	196	892	5414	18,025
1877	3690	2340	5776	976	220	765	190	577	41,355	55,882

The receipts for the Synod Fund are omitted because the amount paid is taken from the general receipts of the Church, in the same manner as the larger portion of the Sustentation Fund, which is credited to the Congregations in the amount from seat-rents or collections. In a few cases special collections for the Sustentation Fund are stated not to be so embraced, but the distinction was not apparent in the schedules returned.

If we now add the amount received from donations and other sources, with which are united for the year 1876 and 1877 the sums received for Scholarships, Aged and Infirm Fund, and Widows and Orphans Fund, the total is as follows :—

Years.	From Congregations.		From Donations and other Receipts.	Total.
	Congregational Purposes.	Synodical Purposes.	Synodical Purposes.	
		Presbyterian Church in England.		
	£	£	£	£
1875	80,351	14,041	5,052	99,444
		Presbyterian Church of England.		
1876	137,088	18,205	12,285	167,578
1877	145,829	55,889	27,009	228,727

The Thanksgiving Fund greatly enlarged the receipts of the Church in 1877.

It should be noted that hitherto no distinction has been made between sums received to be expended for ordinary purposes and sums received for endowment and other purposes to be invested. The "Barbour" Professorship endowment and the Scholarship Funds should be placed in the "Capital" account. An inventory of the property, real and personal, belonging to the Presbyterian Church of England, its Synod, its Committees, and its Congregations is now appended to this Report for the first time.

Comparing the number of communicants with the total receipts in each Presbytery the proportion per communicant in 1877 and 1876 was as follows:—

Presbyteries.	Per Communicant. 1877. £ s. d.	Per Communicant. 1876. £ s. d.
Berwick	1 0 0	1 10 5
Northumberland	1 0 6	1 6 9
Newcastle-on-Tyne	2 18 1	2 2 6
Carlisle	1 15 0	1 18 6
Darlington	5 6 10	3 16 2
Liverpool	4 13 7	2 12 4
Manchester	5 3 6	4 15 5
Birmingham	6 17 6	4 9 8
Bristol	3 16 3	4 3 1
London	5 12 6	5 1 5
Total	3 19 9	3 4 3

The whole sum raised by the Free Church of Scotland in the year ended 30th March, 1878, including Sustentation Fund, Local Building Fund, Congregational Fund, Missions, Education, and Miscellaneous was £575,719, exclusive of donations and other sources of income, £489,551, giving a proportion of £2 7s. per communicant. The whole amount raised by the United Presbyterian Church, including Congregation, Income, Legacies, &c., was £379,079, or, exclusive of income from other sources, £335,633, giving a proportion of £1 12s. 9d. per communicant. The whole sum raised by the Irish Presbyterian Church in the year 1877 was £154,953, giving a proportion of £1 8s. 5d.

STIPENDS.

The Stipends show an increase, the total amount having been £71,357 in 1877, against £65,843 in 1876. The average rate of Stipends throughout the Church was as follows:—

Presbyteries.	£
Berwick	184
Northumberland	194
Newcastle	268
Darlington	227
Cumberland	190
Liverpool	401
Manchester	228
Birmingham	240
Bristol	330
London	422
General average	294

To this should be added 47 Manses, representing at £20 rent, about £3 more over all the Stipends, so increasing the average to £297 in all.

The average Stipends in the Free Church of Scotland, including equal Dividends and Congregational supplements, as well as Predisruption and Aged and Infirm funds for Congregations, on the platform of equal Dividends was £245, and for charges not on the same platform £176, giving a general average of £239 per annum, plus the value of the Manses.

The average Stipends of the Ministers of the United Presbyterian Church, including Congregational payments, Sacramental or Travelling expenses, Supplements and Surplus grants, was in 1877 £262 per annum.

The average Stipends of all Parish Ministers of the Church of Scotland from tiends and other local sources, from the Exchequer and sums legally payable for communion elements and the annual value of Manses and Glebe, was in 1874 £342.

The average Stipend of the Ministers of the Irish Presbyterian Church, including payments by Congregations, Sustentation Fund and other sources, was £185, plus the value of Manses held by about half the whole number of Ministers.

GENERAL PROGRESS.

It is now twelve years since the statistics of the Church have been presented to the Synod in a complete and uniform plan by the present Convener, and they exhibit the following remarkable progress:—

	No. of Communicants.	Total Income.
	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ENGLAND.	
		£
1866	19,936	56,863
1867	21,375	64,604
1868	21,454	70,322
1869	22,341	72,370
1870	23,866	71,060
1871	24,099	68,773
1872	24,856	75,763
1873	26,585	92,043
1874	27,082	97,910
1875	29,351	99,444
	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.	
1876	47,284	167,578
1877	50,739	228,727

The Church is growing large and wealthy; but the field is wide and the urgency for exertion great. May it be abundant in labour; and may its institutions prove a source of blessing to England and the world.

LEONE LEVI,

Convener.

INVENTORY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND ITS COMMITTEES AND CONGREGATIONS, APRIL, 1878.

Real Property.	£
1.—Churches and Manses returned as insured for £612,490, estimated to have been insured for two-thirds of the real value	918,000
2.—School Buildings	13,000
3.—Mission Buildings in China and India	
Furniture, Library, &c. of College, Queen Square ...	
Property belonging to Congregations	

Personal Property.

1.—College Funds :—

31 Shares Oriental Bank Corporation.
52 ,, Imperial Bank.
26 ,, London Joint-Stock Bank.
53 ,, Union Bank.
£4000 London & North-Western Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock.
3600 Great Western Railway 5 per cent. Debenture Stock.
940 ,, ,, ,, 4 ,, ,, ,,
4086 London & North-Western Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock.
1200 London, Brighton, & South-Coast Railway 4 per cent. ,,
1000 Great Northern Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock.

Scholarship Fund :—

£1450 Oude and Rohilkund Railway
877 Indian Government.
500 Canadian Consolidated.
1000 ,, ,,
2000 Metropolitan Railway.
2075 Great Northern Railway.

2.—Widows and Orphans Fund :—

£13176 17s. 6d. (cost price of investments).

3.—Aged and Infirm—£5477.

4.—Foreign Missions :—

£3000 Midland Railway 4 per cent. Debentures.
1000 Indian Railway 5 per cent. Stock.

5.—Union Thanksgiving Fund :—

Balance in hand in the Commercial Bank.
£3275 8s. 5d. Liquidation of Debt Fund.
4591 19s. 6d. Union Thanksgiving Fund.

GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

PART I.—CONGREGATIONAL.

GENERAL STATISTICS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND,
PRESENTED TO THE SYNOD IN 1878.

PART I.—CONGREGATIONAL.

F, Freehold; L, Leasehold and number of years; C, Copyhold; P, Perpetuity.

CHURCHES.									OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.						
CONGREGATION.	Date.	Date of Minister's Ordination or Induction.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	DEBT. Church.	DEBT. Manse.	Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings Let.	Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificates.	No. Removed by Certificates.	Number lapsed, dead, &c.	Number on Last Revised Roll. 1877.	Number on Last Revised Roll. 1876.	Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.
PRESBYTERIES.																										
BERWICK.				£	£	£																				
Ancroft Moor	1845	1860	F	...	...	160	280	150	5	5	10	14	34	24	3	148	137	2	21	2	...	...	2	40	45	...	8
Beaumont Union	1850	...	L 75	800	...	...	399	308	6	...	10	7	48	46	5	290	286	3	14	3	13	...	6	50	...	...	18
Belford—Columba	1840	1851	F	900	200	...	370	...	3	2	...	7	24	15	4	142	138	...	17	2	...	...	2	20	...	...	...
,, —Erskine	1788	...	L 60	...	...	...	360	230	7	...	12	16	38	51	10	222	229	2	12	6	3	...	6	52	...	...	11
Berwick—Bank Hill	1846	1863	L	800	...	...	400	290	8	7	...	4	22	22	12	265	273	2	26	10	...	...	9	70	...	...	29
,, —Church Street ...	1812	1877	F	500	...	...	600	...	6	...	18	16	25	6	8	262	...	...	14	6	10	5	11	70	...	...	38
,, —Wallace Green ...	1771	...	F	6500	...	...	1031	841	16	...	21	3	29	39	62	743	773	3	31	8	63	40	56	362	...	...	78
Chatton	1850	...	L	...	...	...	500	286	6	..	12	21	42	52	16	278	...	1	20	8	...	...	7	85	...	...	17
Crookham	1742	1864	F	...	...	40	500	264	4	7	...	10	15	...	26	215	246	...	14	5	...	...	3	48	46	...	...
Etal	1696	1866	...	400	...	...	400	250	4	2	...	14	39	43	3	237	230	2	18	2	10	...	8	60	...	...	12
Horncliffe	1853	1858	F	800	...	70	325	203	6	...	...	6	27	37	1	208	220	1	13	1	...	...	4	73	95	...	23
Lowick	1662	1874	F	750	...	150	430	198	5	5	...	10	30	64	5	238	262	1	20	5	5	...	3	38	...	...	28
Norham—North Church ...	1840	1858	F	...	...	300	500	218	4	4	...	7	13	10	4	212	210	2	13	3	...	...	6	65	...	...	13
,, —South Church ...	1737	1870	no return																								
Spittal	1752	...	...	...	550	...	600	...	9	15	...	18	28	27	17	312	310	...	39	12	...	...	19	150	...	...	50
Tweedmouth	1840	1854	F & C	800	...	300	400	240	4	4	10	...	...	...	...	190	193	...	...	8	6	...	6	50	100	...	10
				12250	750	1020	7095	3478	93	51	93	156	414	436	176	3962	3507	19	272	81	11	45	148	1233	286	...	335
NORTHUMBERLAND.																										
Alnwick—Clayport Street ...	1753	1852	F	1600	..	...	600	...	8	...	9	...	...	...	...	240	237	...	15	4	...	...	12	99	...	...	12
,, —Lisburn Street ...	1837	1843	F	1000	...	...	400	164	8	...	12	4	8	8	4	161	164	1	7	4	4	...	9	50	...	...	...
,, —St. James' ...	1669	1871	F	800	...	...	450	337	7	...	14	13	30	44	15	281	307	9	29	12	7	...	13	115	...	...	...
Bavington	1725	1853	F	1000	...	...	230	120	6	...	5	5	6	2	6	98	95		13	6	...	...	3	32	36	...	...

Birdhopecraig	1842	1875	L	99	500	...	...	450	160	6	...	8	9	2	4	8	117	120	1	10	3	6	...	6	75	...	...	20
Branton	1730	1842	F		1050	...	...	500	330	5	6	...	12	...	...	...	281	275	...	...	...	...	...	10	122	40	...	22
Embleton	1833	...	L	64	...	...	...	340	...	4	...	6	12	30	37	5	204	208	2	12	...	...	...	3	50	...	...	...
Felton	1819	1873	L		...	...	132	300	196	3	...	8	...	23	17	9	146	159	...	17	7	..	...	6	46	...	...	16
Glanton	1842	1866	F		500	...	2 0	500	378	7	3	...	10	22	38	21	267	298	3	27	20	13	...	9	92	67	...	15
Harbottle	1756	1871	L	999	800	..	...	450	274	4	...	7	7	5	15	7	213	223	3	16	...	...	...	5	44	...	...	20
Longframlington	1842	1862	F		...	...	...	200	71	3	...	9	2	8	10	1	71	72	...	9	1	3	...	11	97	...	...	...
Morpeth	1842	1842	F		4000	...	...	850	450	5	13	...	12	...	...	...	245	235	7	24	4	12	...	22	255	169	56	60
Newbiggin	1863	1870	F		...	...	...	300	89	2	2	4	2	9	8	1	85	81	...	9	1	...	...	8	45	...	...	7
North Middleton	1817	...	L		...	180	...	260	116	5	...	6	5	7	8	4	98	102	...	7	1	...	...	3	36	...	...	...
North Sunderland—West Chrch	1808	...	C		800	...	...	...	185	7	...	12	8	32	28	5	191	...	1	8	5	...	...	15	105	...	...	22
,, —East Church	...	...	C		...	...	.	300	90	4	...	...	4	10	12	2	92	90	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Otterburn	1831	...	F		600	...	...	250	160	6	...	11	7	1	6	...	147	141	1	10	3	...	...	4	29	...	...	10
Thropton	1799	1851	L	199	400	...	...	300	163	4	...	2	7	7	3	3	152	142	1	2	2	...	...	6	87	...	...	...
Warenford	1842	1867	P		...	...	...	350	245	3	7	...	6	46	25	5	225	203	1	7	1	14	...	5	50	...	...	...
Warkworth	1828	1871	F		...	...	200	300	199	3	...	9	12	30	23	12	205	198	...	12	3	...	...	4	30	...	...	...
Widdrington	1842	1845	F		750	...	...	300	159	5	2	7	7	...	...	...	180	170	...	13	...	...	...	5	65	...	...	...
Wooler—Cheviot Street ...	1700	1877	no return																											
,, —Tower Hill	1737	1868	L	90	1100	...	...	420	148	3	...	6	1	17	2	5	150	153	...	12	5	...	...	3	27	...	...	...
,, —West Chapel	1842	1843	...		...	...	...	560	250	4	3	4	...	...	...	...	198	196	...	10	8	...	...	5	30	116	...	20
					15200	180	582	8800	4448	117	36	148	152	304	302	113	4177	4012	31	285	90	59	...	172	1621	428	56	229
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.																														
Bellingham	1806	1871	F		600	...	...	255	190	6	...	10	8	3	2	14	185	190	1	14	6	...	...	12	86	...	...	...
Blackhill...	1857	...	F		...	...	...	200	178	4	...	13	9	15	19	...	147	...	1	15	...	5	...	13	110	...	...	13
Blyth—Bridge Street ...	1842	1873	P		1000	...	...	...	...	6	...	9	...	...	...	...	116	116	...	9	...	...	...	24	190	...	...	20
,, —Waterloo Road ...	1827	1861	F		5000	2144	...	600	340	8	...	7	29	9	15	18	220	215	4	11	7	20	...	43	330	...	...	25
Durham	1872	...	F		1000	800	...	400	110	4	...	12	9	15	14	6	103	103	...	10	...	...	...	8	50	...	...	10
Falstone	1839	1875	F		...	30	...	270	250	11	...	7	9	4	2	2	181	172	6	20	2	15	...	9	80	140	...	25
Gateshead—Durham Road ...	1869	...	F		5000	3500	...	850	450	3	...	15	21	35	23	5	300	272	1	20	2	15	...	27	185	...	30	24
Gosforth...	1877	...	no return			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
,, —Ellison Street			F		800	...	...	450	229	5	7	...	24	37	26	24	257	246	3	29	5	17	13	29	170	...	...	41
Hebburn	1869	...	L	99	6000	...	...	700	210	3	9	...	25	25	19	12	203	181	2	33	...	...	...	14	165	...	...	...
Hexham	1830	1856	F		1600	...	...	360	...	9	...	12	17	18	7	18	172	132	...	...	5	..	...	2:	145	...	...	8
Houghton-le-Spring	1825	1869	...		...	...	...	240	220	9	...	10	12	13	10	3	180	...	2	10	5	...	...	12	100	...	...	10
Jarrow—Ellison Street ...	1872	...	L	99	3500	1035	...	920	...	14	...	12	29	...	30	...	485	486	...	46	...	...	...	42	430	...	...	...
,, —Wear Street	1857	...	no return																											
Killingworth	1869	1875	L	300	400	...	...	150	75	5	4	...	15	13	11	22	107	112	...	18	2	...	...	5	70	...	...	...
Newcastle—Barras Bridge ...	1744	...	F		3000	1000	...	700	452	10	...	11	16	22	7	6	310	285	10	23	2	35	...	24	176	...	60	71
,, —Blackett Street ...	1743	...	F		5000	800	...	650	650	13	...	14	39	40	55	28	675	678	...	21	12	13	18	63	446	...	22	40
,, —Byker	1877	1878	no return																											
,, —Erskine Church ...	1853	...	F		1000	...	...	365	...	5	...	12	14	13	21	19	165	186	2	12	4	...	...	25	225	...	...	12
,, —John Knox ...	1698	1867	F		2000	...	...	616	569	14	13	...	70	39	42	46	562	536	5	33	8	..	...	55	307	...	69	117
Carried forward ...	...	...	...		35900	9309	...	7726	3923	129	33	144	346	301	301	223	1368	3913	37	324	60	120	31	118	3265	140	181	416

GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND—*continued.*

CONGREGATION.	Date.	Date of Minister's Ordination or Induction.	Tenure.	CHURCHES. Amount Insured.	DEBT. Church.	DEBT. Manse.	Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings Let.	OFFICE-BEARERS. Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	COMMUNICANTS. No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificates.	No. Removed by Certificates.	Number lapsed, dead, &c.	Number on Last Revised Roll. 1877.	Number on Last Revised Roll. 1876.	MARRIAGES, &c. Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS. District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.
				£	£	£																					
Brought forward ...	...	...	...	35900	9309	...	7726	3923	129	33	144	346	301	301	223	4368	3913	37	324	60	120	31	418	3265	140	181	416
Newcastle —Park Road ...	1873	1873	...	400	...	..	250	...	3	9	..	18	7	10	9	120	114	...	17	2	14	...	14	150	...	...	50
,, —St. George's ...	...	...	F	2000	500	...	650	...	12	...	15	16	14	...	43	373	386	5	29	11	9	...	23	150	...	..	26
,, —Trinity	1765	1875	F	4000	...	...	969	969	15	14	...	54	56	54	20	650	591	8	41	12	6	30	57	434	...	68	90
,, —Westmoreland Rd ...	...	...	F	3000	1250	...	750	568	10	...	22	23	44	...	76	472	481	...	34	11	3	20	26	200	...	41	18
North Shields—Howard Street	1662	1873	F	2500	...	...	700	535	9	14	...	16	14	5	15	370	360	5	20	5	14	17	30	350	380	75	34
,, NorthumberlandSq.	...	1877	F	1500	400	...	644	415	11	...	12	9	25	5	21	302	...	2	20	2	...	13	39	320	...	..	65
Seaton Burn	1873	1874	L	800	100	...	250	116	3	...	12	5	10	24	11	130	163	...	13	1	...	..	13	197	...	..	..
Seaton Delaval	1845	1857	L	500	...	...	400	255	8	7	...	3	8	26	14	129	156	1	10	3	...	...	9	113	160	...	..
South Shields—East Street ...	1809	...	F	1000	...	...	400	...	5	...	20	32	12	7	13	255	231	5	22	5	8	...	27	250	...	20	..
,, —Laygate ...	1849	1862	F	3000	...	...	420	...	7	11	...	29	17	10	15	345	324	...	30	10	8	75	43	485	...	45	30
,, —Mile End Road	1719	1867	F	2000	...	...	520	...	7	...	15	9	11	7	5	201	193	2	6	1	5	20	...	...	...	...	27
,, —St. John's ...	1839	1870	F	4000	1050	...	630	405	7	9	...	15	11	9	25	311	319	2	14	11	4	...	34	360	...	...	...
Stamfordham	1662	1847	L 3 lives	...	...	...	250	...	4	...	7	...	...	...	...	84	82	...	7	...	...	...	2	27	...	...	17
Sunderland—Bethany	1844	1845	C	1400	300	...	450	50	4	...	2	...	1	...	2	47	50	2	3	2	...	...	4	25	...	...	..
,, —North Bridge St.	1839	1862	P	1600	...	...	500	224	9	7	...	20	9	13	25	231	240	7	19	6	8	...	35	308	...	25	24
,, —St. George's ...	1839	1875	C	3000	...	...	655	580	9	8	...	16	17	17	14	447	445	6	15	5	20	15	55	575	...	..	100
,, —St. Stephen's ...	...	...	..	2000	1200	...	420	200	6	...	5	5	13	4	3	129	128	2	8	2	...	...	20	100	...	...	21
,, —Smyrna	1765	1835	...	800	...	...	500	188	8	...	5	5	8	7	5	132	134	2	6	1	...	...	15	119	...	...	54
,, —Trinity	1870	1876	C	4000	280	...	700	502	14	...	15	11	22	10	16	346	339	2	24	10	22	20	33	366	..	..	84
Swalwell..	1832	1862	F	500	...	...	200	100	5	...	9	8	...	...	...	48	40	1	6	...	12	...	20	150	...	..	30
Walker	1842	1865	L 75	3900	...	...	450	182	7	...	10	6	19	14	6	167	162	2	18	2	22	...	37	316	...	..	..
Wallsend	1846	...	no return		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	99	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..
Wark	1842	1862	F	1000	...	...	160	108	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	68	...	...	...	...	...	1	18	...	..	..
Wellington Quay	1877	1877	L 63	1800	850	...	354	111	5	...	10	8	24	13	2	86	...	...	10	2	...	...	19	130	...	..	38
				80600	15239	...	18948	9431	303	112	303	654	643	536	563	9818	9018	91	696	164	275	241	974	8408	680	455	1124
CARLISLE.																											
Bewcastle	1836	1876	L 9	...	...	...	280	...	2	...	4	2	...	...	...	73	71	...	5	...	6	...	5	30	...	...	15
Brampton	1640	1860	F	600	...	...	200	90	4	...	6	...	...	...	...	46	42	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carlisle—Warwick Road ...	...	...	F	1000	...	...	650	317	7	11	...	11	26	11	22	324	320	5	22	1	30	...	31	190	...	40	50
,, —Fisher Street... ...	1688	...	F	2700	...	...	573	516	8	...	15	26	41	21	18	415	395	8	43	7	..	7	39	453	...	..	100

Cleator Moor	...	1867	1869	F	700	...	...	224	170	3	7	...	5	2	...	...	117	118	4	7	...	...	...	12	80	...	...	30
Great Salkeld	...	1709	...	C	...	...	...	240	...	3	...	4	...	2	...	...	25	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Haltwhistle	..	1744	1875	F	300	...	...	180	...	4	5	...	...	4	2	2	76	70	...	5	1	...	...	3	...	31	...	...
Maryport—John Street	...	1836	1873	F	1000	...	42	280	111	4	...	4	1	2	...	3	80	80	2	5	...	4	...	12	90	...	...	12
,, —Crosby Street	...	1831	1851	F	1000	...	...	400	237	5	...	12	5	...	...	14	110	116	2	20	4	8	...	30	180	...	...	15
Penrith	...	1700	1858	F	400	...	...	210	105	3	...	6	4	15	6	4	91	86	...	7	...	...	...	17	140	...	...	...
Whitehaven—Market Place	...	1836	1866	F	1600	...	...	514	290	5	...	6	5	19	8	10	170	164	7	17	4	18	23	17	120	...	30	17
,, —High Street	...	...	1877	F	1000	...	...	400	190	5	...	15	40	2	1	10	150	...	2	34	...	...	...	10	100	...	...	...
Workington	...	1836	1871	P	100	...	...	240	129	5	...	11	10	9	4	13	93	91	4	10	6	13	...	30	355	...	...	24
					10400	...	42	4391	2155	58	23	83	109	122	53	96	1770	1553	34	181	24	79	30	206	1738	31	70	263
DARLINGTON.																												
Bishop Auckland ...	...	1866	1867	L 99	1900	...	...	240	...	5	...	11	11	8	15	2	111	110	...	7	2	12	10	17	113	...	...	25
Crook	...	1861	1863	F	990	...	...	240	140	6	...	12	3	4	3	3	79	78	...	14	2	...	...	12	70	...	...	24
Darlington	...	...	1866	F	2000	700	...	600	392	8	14	...	30	18	42	17	237	248	8	19	4	17	25	34	410	...	29	56
Ferryhill	...	...	...	F	2000	200	...	320	120	7	...	11	5	7	8	7	120	123	...	11	2	9	...	18	150	...	...	16
Grimsby	...	1874	1875	F	1000	...	...	350	...	3	...	7	23	2	...	8	100	83	...	...	2	...	...	27	336	...	...	52
Hartlepool	...	1839	1843	F	800	...	...	350	240	5	...	15	11	10	5	8	186	195	6	14	2	6	...	20	200	...	...	14
Harrogate	..	1876	1876	F	500	550	...	300	...	3	...	7	14	4	5	10	57	54	...	5	...	...	...	5	40	...	...	12
Hull—Holderness Road	...	1873	...	F	3500	1377	701	1050	...	7	5	...	...	...	...	...	254	413	2	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
,, —Prospect Street. .	...	1867	1868	F	5000	*600	1194	850	...	19	6	...	81	23	6	33	539	476	10	17	6	50	20	68	644	...	37	...
,, —Spring Bank ...	...	1838	...	F	4000	3400	...	500	...	3	...	12	3	2	13	14	110	148	2	7	2	...	...	14	150	...	...	...
Middlesborough	...	1872	1875	F	3000	1500	...	550	231	7	...	10	8	14	14	8	126	126	...	10	2	4	...	24	180	...	35	...
Redcar	...	1873	1878	L	400	...	...	230	120	3	...	7	1	7	5	...	73	71	...	7	...	...	...	4	30	...	...	...
Stockton—St. George's	...	...	...	F	3600	3700	...	550	...	3	...	9	21	13	16	40	134	175	1	19	5	...	...	17	197	...	20	75
,, —St. Andrew's	...	1845	1871	F	3050	...	...	340	250	6	...	15	9	10	7	7	198	195	3	19	...	...	...	21	145	...	...	25
Towlaw	...	1863	1864	F	900	170	...	210	144	4	...	8	7	5	5	6	82	81	2	9	2	8	...	10	95	...	15	...
West Hartlepool ...	...	1858	1858	F	400	...	...	300	124	3	...	9	5	21	...	15	135	124	1	13	2	6	...	27	178	...	...	20
Whitby—Trinity ...	...	1874	1874	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	8	15	5	4	4	76	76	...	6	1	...	...	17	98	...	...	18
York	...	1874	1875	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	...	13	11	4	9	104	90	...	6	4	12	...	15	145	...	35	30
					33040	12197	1895	6980	1761	99	28	141	260	164	152	191	2721	2866	35	204	38	124	55	350	3181	...	171	367
LIVERPOOL.																												
Barrow-in-Furness ...	...	1875	1877	F	6200	2591	...	758	424	8	...	12	30	37	25	21	313	292	5	32	...	15	...	30	352	...	14	36
Birkenhead—Claughton	...	1863	1863	F	5000	2350	...	800	520	11	...	14	5	16	...	12	227	242	1	7	2	6	8	24	230	...	42	...
,, —Grange Road	...	1837	1847	F	2600	...	...	700	530	8	...	17	13	18	14	20	354	357	...	12	4	...	10	56	569	...	20	...
,, —Hamilton	...	1868	1874	F	3000	...	450	614	230	6	...	8	5	12	16	8	157	164	2	15	...	10	...	13	130	...	...	...
,, —St. Andrew's	...	1840	1868	F	4000	...	...	827	462	14	11	..	56	...	28	28	545	530	...	...	...	20	16	50	420	955	...	25
,, —St. Paul's	...	1858	...	F	1700	...	...	430	252	4	...	13	5	9	8	26	133	153	...	13	2	...	...	5	41	...	...	...
Chester	...	1853	1867	F	1500	...	...	500	210	3	5	9	3	11	...	...	130	128	1	6	4	...	12	30	277	...	12	18
Douglas	...	1836	1866	F	3000	...	100	594	227	5	5	1	6	10	8	9	171	163	...	8	3	4	...	12	70	...	...	...
Egremont	...	1859	1865	F	3000	1400	...	500	450	10	...	12	...	...	...	...	435	380	...	28	...	...	...	95	1020	450	...	...
Carried forward ...	...	...	...	...	30000	6341	550	5723	3305	69	21	86	123	113	99	124	2465	2409	9	121	15	55	46	315	3109	14 5	88	79

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CONGREGATION.	CHURCHES. Date.	Date of Minister's Ordination or Induction.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	Debt. Church.	Debt. Manse.	Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings Let.	OFFICE-BEARERS. Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	COMMUNICANTS. No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificates.	No. Removed by Certificates.	Number lapsed, dead, &c.	Number on Last Revised Roll. 1877.	Number on Last Revised Roll. 1876.	MARRIAGES, &c. Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS. District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.
				£	£	£																				
Brought forward ...	...	...	...	30000	6341	550	5723	3305	69	21	86	123	113	99	124	2465	2409		121	15	55	46	315	3109	1405	88	79
Liverpool—Canning Street ...	1844	1842	F	7500	...	...	984	667	11	6	...	14	20	...	58	550	560	...	18	8	...	...	32	206	...	100	86
,, —Derby Road, Bootle	1855	1877	L 57	8300	...	...	1100	845	14	...	15	30	20	...	71	723	744	...	68	8	...	46	37	370	168	...	30
,, —Everton Valley ...	1862	1869	L	5000	...	...	1000	827	9	...	12	49	40	38	30	671	650	8	59	9	11	13	75	909	...	70	37
,, —Fairfield	1866	1866	F	4500	446	...	600	447	7	...	10	8	43	...	..	275	255	3	24	...	8	5	45	520	...	91	58
,, —Hyslop Street ...	1863	1877	...	1700	...	...	400	221	3	2	8	12	34	...	5	153	..	1	...	3	...	25	32	285	...	...	30
,, —Islington	1845	1874	F	5000	...	...	990	...	3	...	15	57	20	12	24	675	634	4	37	10	28	...	84	1050	...	...	110
,, —Mount Pleasant ...	1807	1846	L 75	6600	1000	...	1000	500	10	...	16	12	8	15	27	435	457	...	7	6	20	10	60	435	...	25	35
,, —Prince's Road ...	1864	...	F	...	3500	...	596	306	7	...	18	1	20	14	12	238	243	1	17	4	...	3	19	152	...	24	...
,, —Queen's Road ...	1861	1864	F	3000	2150	...	850	600	5	...	12	41	50	21	34	550	514	6	36	7	26	20	62	800	...	30	25
,, —Shaw Street ...	...	1876	F	3000	500	...	620	187	6	...	14	25	15	4	...	190	103	9	21	4	7	...	16	138	...	25	20
,, —St. George's ...	1845	1877	F	4500	...	...	1145	385	4	14	...	23	20	2	3	216	165	7	10	3	8	9	18	130	...	27	...
,, —St. Peter's ...	1842	...	F	5000	610	...	726	510	14	...	12	98	22	14	19	701	619	4	56	5	11	...	63	573	331	49	38
,, —Trinity	1857	1858	F	2600	...	...	...	...	5	...	10	3	40	...	40	181	178	...	17	2	4	12	15	110	...	...	60
,, —Vauxhall Road ...	1867	1868	F	3000	...	...	450	200	3	6	3	3	2	1	3	105	110	1	4	3	...	65	16	170	...	30	33
Parkgate	1858	1875	F	...	...	...	250	...	2	...	15	2	9	6	3	83	81	...	4	3	15	...	8	65	...	...	33
Ramsay	1834	...	F	500	47	...	...	...	3	...	9	...	...	...	...	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	90	...	...	...
Rockferry	...	...	F	3500	...	...	650	332	5	...	13	9	23	14	...	205	185	3	10	1	18	17	38	367	...	...	10
Southport	1870	1872	F	4600	..	...	450	231	8	...	8	10	19	9	3	120	103	3	7	3	12	...	12	86	...	41	21
St. Helen's	1867	1875	L 999	5000	70	...	500	158	4	...	13	19	3	3	9	110	100	2	12	2	6	12	12	150	...	...	35
Sutton	1850	1877	no return																							
Waterloo	1873	1873	..	4500	1500	...	320	240	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70	...	...	12	2	...	...	10	65	...	...	...
				107800	16164	550	18354	9961	192	49	289	539	521	252	465	8771	8110	61	540	98	229	283	977	9780	1904	600	740
MANCHESTER.																										
Blackburn—Mount Street ...	1866	1874	L 999	1000	...	...	570	183	5	...	26	8	7	5	...	91	82	9	12	1	11	...	20	260	...	12	30
,, —St. George's ...	1809	1868	L 989	6000	...	...	1000	721	13	...	25	34	18	15	17	445	425	20	40	6	36	...	41	631	130	30	40
Bolton	1804	...	F	2500	...	...	477	300	8	...	9	8	37	19	8	248	232	3	21	2	12	...	31	195	...	30	50
Bradford...	1847	...	no return		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	215	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Crewe	1845	1872	F	2000	...	...	500	113	1	...	6	3	...	...	3	72	69	1	...	...	...	...	9	110	538	...	...
Leeds—Hanover Square ...	1864	1876	F	450	...	...	220	180	7	...	12	17	54	10	4	112	56	2	14	1	12	...	11	54	...	30	72
,, —St. Columba's	...	...	F	2300	...	...	450	...	3	...	12	39	20	20	12	130	101	3	6	2	8	...	5	26	...	16	..

Manchester—Ancoats	1839	1874	P	4000	...	...	600	...	5	12	...	8	10	5	4	145	138	2	12	2	20	...	20	203	597	...	...
,, —Bowdon	1868	1869	...	5000	...	...	400	300	4	2	6	10	9	12	2	105	100	3	6	2	...	10	8	5	...	17	13
,, —Brunswick Street	1798	1827	L 999	4500	...	...	644	552	10	...	15	21	26	21	24	333	331	1	17	4	16	30	50	381	...	22	50
,, —Coupland Street...	1849	...	P L	3400	...	...	650	500	12	...	15	18	14	29	14	348	359	3	22	12	41	21	60	574	...	41	86
,, —Eccles	1877	...	no return																										
,, —Grosvenor Square	1836	1870	F	10800	...	...	828	493	8	10	...	50	18	34	48	405	403	...	25	6	...	20	55	604	360	40	53
,, —Higher Broughton	1874	1877	no return																										
,, —Longsight ...	1871	...	F	4000	...	...	450	203	4	...	6	4	3	9	14	116	132	...	8	3	8	...	18	273	...	40	14
,, —Pendleton ...	1871	1878	F	2000	1000	...	500	181	6	...	12	2	2	13	8	135	152	...	10	1	20	...	25	208	...	35	...
,, —Sale	1874	1874	F	4500	1609	...	700	223	...	...	20	1	13	1	13	93	93	2	5	1	16	18	14	110	...	...	16
,, —Salford	1845	1873	C	4000	...	...	800	240	3	9	...	15	30	11	16	214	196	8	19	2	7	9	31	312	180	36	19
,, —St. Andrew's ...	1846	1872	F	4100	...	...	890	490	8	9	8	20	22	24	57	330	369	4	23	8	9	18	24	151	...	40	35
,, —Trinity	1845	1847	F	3000	...	...	900	539	8	14	...	20	27	15	...	290	303	...	30	...	...	25	22	210	..	40	50
,, —Whalley Range ...	1877	1877	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	..	...	...	...	...	...	51	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	42	...	21	22
,, —Withington ...	1867	1871	L	4500	...	...	560	461	9	10	...	12	35	6	20	194	174	3	15	1	8	33	15	122	...	37	35
,, —Preston	1877	1877	no return																										
Ramsbottom	1836	1874	L 999	4000	...	...	650	332	7	7	6	5	4	4	...	161	160	8	16	4	25	...	24	284	170	...	...
Risley	1662	1865	no return																										
Rochdale	1866	1867	L 999	4000	3300	...	650	310	7	...	16	5	2	1	2	120	116	5	7	1	6	...	33	320	...	...	13
Sheffield	1854	1854	L 800	3400	...	...	470	239	6	...	9	49	26	10	9	160	130	2	10	...	10	22	23	171	...	71	30
Stalybridge	1868	...	F	800	20	...	240	59	2	...	7	9	13	5	1	62	42	1	8	1	...	...	6	46	...	...	4
Warrington	1855	1877	L	3000	...	...	550	105	...	...	12	6	19	2	4	46	27	2	10	2	4	...	16	174	...	...	24
Wharton...	1662	1862	F	1500	...	...	300	208	4	...	14	10	...	...	2	69	61	3	7	2	5	...	27	243	256	30	20
Wigan	1760	1873	no return														154												
				84750	5929	..	13999	6932	144	73	236	374	409	271	282	4475	4620	85	343	64	274	206	596	5757	2231	588	676
BIRMINGHAM.																													
Birmingham—Broad Street ...	1839	1875	L 55	3000	...	...	800	173	4	1	12	5	17	19	3	156	156	...	12	2	26	30	38	298	...	53	30
,, —Camp Hill ...	1865	1867	F	4000	1580	...	500	192	4	...	11	14	17	2	7	135	113	...	19	1	22	12	27	448	...	...	40
,, —New John Street	1855	...	F	2000	226	...	432	105	7	...	9	10	14	3	8	79	66	...	4	1	10	...	31	273	...	...	30
,, —Smethwick ...	1853	1868	F	1600	450	...	350	...	4	...	9	9	2	1	2	73	65	...	10	...	...	2	24	200	...	...	...
Burton-on-Trent	1861	1870	L 92	1200	...	...	334	180	4	...	12	8	4	5	5	92	94	1	4	1	5	...	25	178	...	...	21
Derby	1865	1865	F	2000	1000	...	420	210	3	...	12	8	10	8	2	96	94	3	9	2	8	15	13	128	...	21	21
Dudley	1842	...	F	1200	180	...	400	87	4	...	12	...	...	4	7	71	...	...	5	...	...	...	16	170	...	...	13
Hanley	1847	1858	C	1000	...	...	270	210	3	...	14	7	1	6	37	110	140	4	12	7	...	14	21	160	47	35	17
Leicester...	1865	...	F	2000	1725	...	700	170	4	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	53	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nottingham	...	...	L 92	2500	...	...	575	152	6	...	8	5	11	13	...	89	90	2	9	2	...	10	19	130	...	25	15
Shrewsbury	1867	1875	no return														69												
Stafford	1840	1878	F	900	...	...	300	197	4	...	12	4	3	...	18	84	96	6	8	2	...	...	16	230	...	...	34
Wolverhampton	1862	...	F	3400	2050	...	600	242	6	...	9	17	14	6	5	140	120	3	16	2	16	25	11	123	...	30	56
Worcester	1865	1873	F	3000	300	...	800	...	3	7	...	10	3	4	2	148	143	1	7	2	12	...	25	200	...	...	25
Walsall	...	1878	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
				27800	7511	...	6481	1918	56	8	132	97	96	71	96	1273	1299	20	115	22	99	108	266	2538	47	104	302

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CONGREGATION.	CHURCHES. Date.	Date of Minister's Ordination or Induction.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	Debt. Church.	Debt. Manse.	Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings Let.	OFFICE-BEARERS. Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	COMMUNICANTS. No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificates.	No. Removed by Certificates.	Number lapsed, dead, &c.	Number on Last Revised Roll. 1877.	Number on Last Revised Roll. 1876.	MARRIAGES, &c. Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS. District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.
BRISTOL.				£	£	£																				
Aberdare	1875	...	no return														70									
Bristol	1855	...	F	3400	...	...	700	410	5	...	15	17	14	8	15	229	229	...	8	2	...	14	31	411	...	...	43
Cardiff	1865	...	L 99	4500	...	...	700	...	4	...	21	13	21	12	12	274	274	7	30	1	...	40	19	191	...	20	70
Cheltenham	1860	1873	F	800	...	...	650	...	4	4	...	22	21	11	19	198	178	...	9	5	19	64	17	166	...	..	36
Gloucester	1868	1871	P L	3000	...	...	600	257	4	...	9	16	12	13	19	177	163	3	14	2	20	...	27	210	...	23	32
Plymouth	1861	1864	F	5000	1250	...	1200	630	4	7	...	18	8	6	4	190	173	1	31	4	13	...	45	700	...	...	...
Swansea	1864	1877	L 99	6000	1200	...	1200	260	4	...	15	...	...	...	22	127	156	...	...	...	6	...	38	230	...	...	...
Torquay	1864	1872	L 99	4000	...	...	500	360	3	...	6	14	...	...	22	130	110	3	2	...	...	...	5	21	...	...	53
Wyastone Leys...	1868	no return																								
				26700	2450	...	5550	1917	28	11	66	100	76	50	113	1325	1353	14	94	14	58	118	182	1929	...	43	234
LONDON.																										
Aldershot	1862	...	no return														78									
Aston Tyrrold	1847	1874	F	500	...	...	180	...	3	...	...	15	...	6	6	61	58	2	5	2	4	16	14	132	32	...	27
Bournemouth	1857	1877	F	4700	...	550	310	224	5	...	...	...	...	..	...	115	...	4	9	..	..	...	14	112	...	...	15
Brighton—Trinity	1870	1871	no return														120									
,, —Queen's Road ...	1845	1872	F	2200	...	650	700	600	3	5	...	27	24	7	37	289	282	8	6	7	13	30	61	600	...	50	85
Canterbury	1877	...	...	...	...	...	200	...	...	...	5	10	...	..	6	41	...	...	1	..	...	...	7	70	...	...	14
Chatham	1839	1874	L 99	850	...	...	560	...	4	4	...	3	2	2	10	62	58	1	9	1	...	...	...	..	..	..	...
Croydon	1867	1867	F	5000	38	1200	531	320	10	...	16	5	22	30	20	161	184	5	5	2	...	30	16	130	..	...	42
Demerara	...	...	no return																							
Gravesend	1868	1869	F	4200	2500	...	700	380	2	...	7	8	25	2	...	161	131	2	24	...	...	7	15	150	..	.	80
Guernsey	1856	1874	F	500	. .	...	300	36	2	...	...	7	...	...	7	36	37	...	5	2	...	...	10	57	..	..	..
Ipswich	1868	1869	F	3000	900	...	470	...	3	...	6	7	...	3	30	96	122	...	12	...	16	20	18	110	..	12	..
Jersey	1856	1874	P	2000	...	...	500	264	4	1	8	9	20	13	5	178	167	3	2	5	12	30	37	285	..	..	195
Lewes	1865	...	F	2000	...	...	350	91	3	2	...	2	...	1	4	71	...	...	1	1	4	8	12	104	..	..	14
London—Belgrave	1846	1872	L 38	...	...	...	400	320	7	6	...	24	34	28	35	271	276	3	6	2	8	24	38	410	..	24	60
,, —Bermondsey	1867	1873	...	..	...	...	250	...	3	...	8	4	3	...	10	106	...	2	...	...	...	...	32	400	..	11	10
,, —Bow Road	1869	1872	no return														84									
,, —Brockley	1877	...	no return																							
,, —Camberwell	1867	1875	F	5100	1300	...	550	346	8	9	...	21	44	10	22	251	218	2	16	6	11	28	27	317	..	32	40
,, —Camden Road ...	1857	1862	L	6000	2000	...	...	405	8	13	...	...	...	..	...	290	280	...	...	...	10	60	65	512	..	55	51
,, —Canonbury	1839	1876	L 60	3500	...	450	450	160	2	2	12	3	31	10	2	104	129	1	1	2	...	24	12	148	...	20	...
,, —Clapham Road ...	1861	...	F	10000	...	...	1400	...	13	...	12	...	61	...	...	750	700	...	...	...	25	40	59	563	...	65	60
—Clapton ...	1856	1861	F	6000	1900	...	600	...	3	3	9	10	26	8	21	144	137	2	7	1	12	30	32	181	...	...	40

,, —Crouch Hill ...	1876	1876	F	1400	...	...	220	220	5	...	6	4	29	4	5	104	69	2	8	2	...	...	12	77	..	30	20		
,, —Ealing	1875	1876	L 99	800	...	...	...	...	2	...	8	4	13	3	7	87	81	...	2	1	7	17	7	75	..	..	..		
,, —East India Road ...	1865	1865	L 79	2200	1025	...	350	130	4	3	...	6	21	6	1	132	110	...	...	...	6	...	16	157	..	20	24		
,, —Forest Hill ...	1870	1872	F	4000	...	...	500	350	8	...	12	12	36	14	30	236	232	3	18	1	...	26	19	97	..	40	60		
,, —Goldington Crescent...	1876	1876	L 69	2000	...	...	500	...	6	3	26	114	5	26	18	499	424	6	25	4	50	...	...	..	..	..	34		
,, —Greenwich ...	1842	1873	L 69	5800	..	...	850	441	11	12	...	...	...	15	...	378	423	3	24	...	14	31	39	369	..	..	..		
,, —Hammersmith ...	1868	1869	L 91	4500	2665	...	560	332	4	...	11	3	17	4	19	98	106	3	8	4	...	24	12	116	..	24	45		
,, —Hampstead	1845	1865	F	4500	...	..	500	407	10	8	...	13	21	12	10	231	219	4	7	7	6	20	17	130	..	31	61		
,, —Highbury	1859	1860	L 72	14000	...	...	950	692	15	...	12	18	50	48	27	541	548	4	24	5	9	90	56	787	..	89	88		
,, —Islington	1839	1863	L 48	3500	...	...	720	610	7	20	3	...	...	...	...	502	486	4	23	...	...	52	28	311	..	63	64		
,, —Kensington ...	1862	1876	L	6000	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	28	72	5	6	123	...	...	14	1	6	20	8	60	..	.	..		
,, —Kingston-on-Thames...	1874	1875	L 7	600	...	...	250	94	3	1	...	13	2	1	13	58	57	1	10	2	...	10	10	94	..	4	25		
,, —Marylebone ...	1844	1870	L 88	12000	9000	...	1575	1144	11	17	...	34	78	39	25	916	868	2	19	9	...	24	47	465	..	66	48		
,, —Millwall	1862	1872	L 99	1000	...	...	300	131	6	4	...	16	13	6	17	127	121	...	9	3	3	8	20	250	..	..	21		
,, —New Barnet ...	1820	...	F	2000	425	...	300	92	3	...	6	1	10	5	...	44	40	...	4	..	...	10	9	61	..	..	28		
,, —Notting Hill	1872	1872	F	9000	...	...	870	580	10	...	4	68	...	...	58	388	382	3	9	2	14	30	42	565	..	12	20		
,, —Old St. Pancras ...	1869	1872	L 64	2000	1400	...	800	49	4	...	5	38	4	6	35	125	...	...	6	...	12	15	25	269	..	..	..		
,, —Oxendon Street ..	1737	...	no return																										
,, —Regent Square ...	1822	1869	F	15000	...	...	998	913	21	18	...	18	55	44	50	644	684	...	28	13	20	64	84	1090	..	88	..		
,, —Richmond	1877	...	no return																										
,, —St. John's Wood ...	1853	1872	F	6250	...	...	839	800	9	...	9	22	55	10	49	436	408	5	16	6	6	25	30	200	..	...	100		
,, —South Kensington ...	1872	1873	F	7000	4300	...	800	376	3	...	9	...	...	...	...	242	237	...	...	...	.	..	20	150	..	..	35		
,, —Southwark	1845	1846	L	2000	...	...	...	...	6	...	12	...	...	..	..	184	183	...	..	...	..	..	18	132	..	20	20		
,, —Stepney	1847	1877	L	2000	300	...	800	298	8	9	...	58	...	12	27	251	...	5	14	6	..	24	18	234	...	34	..		
,, —Stratford	1863	1877	F	4500	3000	...	810	251	6	...	10	20	63	3	12	132	54	1	15	2	6	14	20	200	..	25	..		
,, —Streatham	1875	1876	F	4800	1800	...	389	129	4	...	3	1	11	...	3	58	50	...	4	...	9	4	14	84	..	..	22		
,, —Tottenham	1864	1865	F	2600	...	...	450	165	7	4	...	1	8	3	9	108	111	12	7	1	6	20	15	150	88	30	20		
,, —Upper Norwood ...	1874	1874	no return		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..		
,, —Victoria Docks ...	1874	1874	L 94	3500	...	...	450	130	...	...	7	6	9	...	3	94	83	...	8	...	3	..	18	345	...	..	30		
,, —Wandsworth	1872	1877	F	6000	200	...	...	233	3	4	...	5	15	10	35	147	...	1	4	2	...	27	16	173	...	24	17		
,, —Westbourne Grove ...	1861	1871	F	5350	2200	...	...	...	7	...	11	7	23	6	12	224	...	2	7	...	...	..	23	159	...	28	20		
,, —Whitfield	1873	1877	L 29	1000	...	...	70	78	8	...	...	96	8	7	53	288	242	...	...	...	...	..	24	281	130	30	20		
,, —Willesden	1875	1875	L 99	4000	...	...	380	256	5	9	...	13	18	7	...	125	101	...	15	...	6	14	12	130	..	..	12		
,, —Wood Green ..	1875	1875	no return																										
,, —Woolwich, St. Andrw's	1861	1862	L 94	2100	999	...	478	305	6	...	12	58	30	...	55	313	280	...	22	...	9	12	25	526	...	20	21		
,, ,, New Road	1839	1876	F	5000	3000	...	1100	...	6	4	...	11	20	9	2	234	209	...	...	2	8	14	34	380	458	30	36		
Maidstone	1861	1873	no return																										
Norwich	1867	...	F	3000	2200	...	700	298	4	8	...	...	...	...	...	220	213	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	..		
Portsmouth	1859	1876	L 999	1000	...	...	584	290	5	3	...	13	18	6	17	201	197	...	16	2	...	...	34	202	...	..	23		
Reading	1876	1876	L 7	...	...	...	350	230	5	...	10	28	25	...	...	152	...	...	3	...	6	...	10	...	...	40	51		
Singapore	1872	1875	no return																										
Silverhill, Hastings	1855	1877	F	...	...	...	300	97	2	...	7	5	1	1	1	47	...	...	...	1	5	...	16	163	...	..	25		
Southampton—St. Andrew's ..	1849	1855	F	4000	...	...	650	350	9	9	...	85	...	...	51	421	401	7	34	8	12	42	36	270	...	33	29		
,, —Totton ...	1876	1877	F	500	...	...	230	114	4	...	5	7	..	8	4	50	55	1	5	...	4	6	8	78	...	..	9		
,, —Woolston ...	1874	1874	F	3500	700	...	400	310	7	...	10	4	26	16	6	100	95	3	20	1	6	40	15	175	...	..	..		
				213950	41852	2850	28474	14071	327	182	293	985	1048	456	875	12117	10946	107	537	116	354	1030	1326	13286	708	1083	1761		

SUMMARY.—I. CONGREGATIONAL.

Presbyteries.	Churches: Number of Congregations.	Churches: Amount Insured.	Churches: Debt. Church.	Churches: Debt. Manse.	Churches: Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Churches: Number of Sittings Let.	Office-Bearers. Elders.	Office-Bearers. Deacons.	Office-Bearers. Managers.	Communicants. No. Admitted 1st Time.	Communicants. No. Received by Certificates.	Communicants. No. Removed by Certificates.	Communicants. Number lapsed, dead, &c.	Communicants. Number on Last Revised Roll. 1877.	Communicants. Number on Last Revised Roll. 1876.	Marriages &c. Marriages.	Marriages &c. Baptisms.	Marriages &c. Deaths.	Visitors, Teachers, and Scholars. District Visitors.	Visitors, Teachers, and Scholars. Members of Dorcas Society.	Visitors, Teachers, and Scholars. Sabbath-School Teachers.	Visitors, Teachers, and Scholars. Sabbath Scholars.	Visitors, Teachers, and Scholars. Scholars in Day Schools.	Visitors, Teachers, and Scholars. Young Men's Societies.	Visitors, Teachers, and Scholars. Bible Classes.
		£	£	£																					
Berwick	16	12250	750	1020	7095	3478	93	51	93	156	414	436	176	3962	3507	19	272	81	110	45	148	1233	286	..	335
Northumberland ..	25	15200	180	582	8800	4448	117	36	148	152	304	302	113	4177	4012	31	285	90	59	..	172	1621	428	56	229
Newcastle-upon-Tyne ..	43	80600	15239	...	18948	9431	303	112	303	654	643	536	563	9818	9018	91	696	164	275	241	974	8408	680	455	1124
Carlisle	13	10400	...	42	4391	2155	58	23	83	109	122	53	96	1770	1553	34	181	24	79	30	206	1738	31	70	263
Darlington	18	33040	12197	1895	6980	1761	99	28	141	260	164	152	191	2721	2865	35	204	38	124	55	350	3181	..	171	367
Liverpool	30	107800	16164	550	18354	9961	192	49	289	539	521	252	465	8771	8110	61	540	98	229	283	977	9780	1904	600	740
Manchester	31	84750	5929	..	13999	6932	144	73	236	374	409	271	282	4475	4620	85	343	64	274	206	596	5757	2231	588	676
Birmingham	15	27800	7511	..	6481	1918	56	8	132	97	96	71	96	1273	1299	20	115	22	99	108	266	2538	47	164	302
Bristol	9	26700	2450	..	5550	1917	28	11	66	100	76	50	113	1325	1353	14	94	14	58	118	182	1929	..	43	234
London	68	213950	41852	2850	28474	14071	327	182	293	985	1048	456	875	12447	10946	107	537	116	354	1030	1326	13286	708	1083	1761
	268	612490	102272	6939	119072	56072	1417	573	1784	3426	3797	2579	2970	50739	47284	497	3267	711	1661	2116	5197	49471	6315	3230	6031

PART II.—FINANCIAL.

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CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES.									SYNODICAL FINANCES.															
CONGREGATIONS.	Income for Congregational Purposes.		Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.	Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.	Thanksgiving Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Schools.	TOTAL.		United Presbyterian Church, 1877.	GRAND TOTAL.	
	Seat Rent.	Collections.																1877.	1876.		1877.	1876
PRESBYTERIES.																						
BERWICK.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s.	£	£	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£	£ s.	£ s.
oft Moor	44	13	...	57	...	57	*a*84*	70	1 2	...	...	...	1 5	...	...	0 6	1 0	2 11	3 10	...	59 11	74 10
mont Union	94	33	...	127	10	137	155*	...	2 0	...	...	0 15	15 12	...	...	...	...	16 7	...	...	153 7	155 0
rd—Columba ...	74	39	...	113	...	113	200	110	1 2	...	...	...	6 2	1 0	..	1 2	...	8 4	4 6	...	121 4	100 6
—Erskine... ...	84	57	2	143	160	303	200*	140	1 10	...	...	3 15	2 2	0 14	...	0 14	...	7 5	5 13	2	312 5	443 11
ick—Bank Hill ...	135	99	9	243	10	253	200	200	2 0	...	1	...	16 6	1 5	1 1	1 0	1 10	22 2	37 10	...	275 2	269 10
—Church St. ...	...	250	23	273	18	291	200	...	1 12	...	...	5 0	4 10	1 14	...	...	...	11 4	2 7	...	302 4	2 7
—Wallace Green..	455	203	402	1060	87	1147	229	...	6 0	...	100	22 0	73 8	...	...	10 0	9 1	214 9	30 0	128	1489 9	1940 0
ton	93	56	11	160	...	160	137	...	2 0	...	...	2 15	...	...	...	1 0	...	3 15	7 0		163 15	7 0
kham	87	36	...	123	26	149	200*	120	1 13	...	...	0 5	3 2	0 19	0 14	1 4	1 3	7 7	6 18	15	171 7	129 18
.. ..	85	23	14	122	...	122	200*	112	1 16	...	...	0 10	2 7	...	...	...	...	2 17	3 1	...	124 17	123 1
cliffe	70	31	...	101	...	101	200	109	1 10	...	2	...	6 6	1 9	...	...	1 13	11 8	11 5	...	112 8	108 5
ck	69	36	2	107	15	122	*a*195*	87	1 16	...	...	...	2 14	1 0	...	...	...	3 14	2 12	...	125 14	107 12
am—North Church...	79	39	...	118	...	118	195	105	1 10	...	...	2 0	3 8	...	...	...	...	5 8	3 19	...	123 8	98 19
—South Church...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 5	...	...	1 0	...	1 0	...	...	...	2 0	5 4	...	2 0	5 4
al	...	...	6	6	300	306	170*	...	2 0	...	...	9 11	3 6	...	...	...	...	12 17	4 0	1	319 17	1647 0
dmouth	74	30	..	104	...	104	200	105	1 4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 2	...	104 0	128 2
Miscellaneous...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 13	0 10	...	...	...	...	2 3	...	...	2 3	...
	1434	945	469	2857	626	3483	2765	1158	30 0	...	103	49 4	140 18	9 1	1 15	15 6	14 7	333 11	129 7	146 0	3962 11	5340 5
NORTHUMBERLAND.																						
vick—Clayport St. ...	108	191	...	299	16	315	200*	...	4 14	...	...	...	7 17	...	...	3 17	...	11 14	...	63	389 14	435 11
—Lisburn St. ...	71	96	5	172	9	181	187*	...	3 0	...	...	...	9 7	10 0	...	...	...	19 7	5 11	...	200 7	185 15
—St. James's ...	121	101	...	222	3	225	200*	170	4 18	...	4	0 14	2 3	0 15	...	1 1	...	8 13	10 3	...	233 13	253 3
ington	77	47	...	124	...	124	200*	105	2 1	...	...	0 19	10 17	...	...	...	1 12	13 8	12 6	...	137 8	130 6
ington...	66	48	...	114	9	123	189	...	...	...	...	1 1	6 10	...	...	...	...	7 11	10 4	...	130 11	131 6
hopecraig	65	69	5	139	...	139	200	120	2 8	...	...	1 4	5 15	1 16	...	0 19	...	9 14	7 6	...	148 14	1046 6
ton	111	40	9	160	25	185	311	156	4 9	...	11	...	9 12	0 12	...	...	1 7	22 11	17 8	..	207 11	208 8
leton	105	32	...	137	...	137	156	...	3 9	...	...	2 14	2 8	1 0	...	...	...	6 2	3 1	...	143 2	143 1
n	68	54	1	123	28	151	200	110	2 11	...	...	1 0	1 0	...	...	1 1	...	3 1	4 15	...	154 1	181 15
ton	128	46	16	190	78	268	200*	162	4 19	...	...	3 0	5 16	2 12	...	2 12	...	14 0	11 6	...	282 0	257 6
ottle	102	24	9	135	7	142	200*	126	3 16	...	...	1 0	2 19	1 10	...	1 0	...	6 9	6 5	...	148 9	155 5
framlington	25	36	...	61	...	61	155*	60	1 7	...	...	0 12	1 10	0 10	...	0 10	...	3 2	3 9	...	64 2	65 9
eth	177	196	12	385	48	433	*b*210	218	4 16	18	30	5 0	1 11	5 0	...	6 0	...	79 11	55 12	...	512 11	516 12

wbiggin...	36	77	...	113	...	113	195	106	1 16	...	...	...	1 15	0 10	...	...	...	...	1 5	...	197 0	188 2
th Middleton	56	40	...	96	101	197	197	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	9 13	11	192 0	9 13
Sunderland—West Ch	70	85	12	167	14	181	158	...	3 13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 2	3 2	...	64 2	50 2
,, —East Ch.	36	24	3	63	...	63	150	60	1 12	...	...	...	1 2	...	...	...	...	25 3	9 12	8	212 3	201 9
erburn	80	99	...	179	...	179	197	...	3 3	...	...	10 18	12 15	...	...	1 10	...	6 3	5 4	...	120 3	101 4
topton	73	41	...	114	...	114	200	111	2 11	...	...	1 6	2 2	1 10	...	1 5	...	33 4	8 5	...	179 4	127 5
renford...	87	26	2	115	31	146	200*	121	3 7	...	26	1 4	3 7	1 2	...	1 11	...	3 16	2 0	...	164 16	355 0
rkworth	80	52	...	132	29	161	187	...	3 3	...	...	...	2 16	...	...	1 0	...	...	1 10	...	120 0	121 10
ldrington	57	63	...	120	...	120	200	105	2 19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9 7	7 15	...	9 7	282 18
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,, —Tower Hill ...	56	56	...	112	31	143	177*	..	2 11	...	..	2 12	2 4	1 5	...	...	...	5 6	3 10	...	5 6	3 10
,, —West Chapel ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	197	144	3 9	...	...	2 6	3 0	...	...	...	...					
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ckhill	53	253	...	306	...	306	208*	18	...	18	...	19 11	...	...	...	...	...	37 11	...	25	368 11	...
th—Bridge Street ...	47	55	58	160	...	160	175	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	160 0	212 0
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rham	53	144	14	211	640	851	210	...	1 10	...	...	1 5	...	...	...	...	...	1 5	0 12	...	852 5	198 12
stone	114	50	3	167	30	197	200*	146	2 10	...	250	1 8	2 8	...	1 14	1 8	2 7	259 5	12 8	...	456 5	607 8
eshead—Durham Road	104	187	5	296	1050	1346	200*	...	3 0	...	...	...	3 14	...	...	...	...	3 14	...	...	1349 14	896 19
,, —Ellison Street	96	174	9	279	27	306	205	202	3 0	2	...	2 14	4 11	3 3	1 12	1 10	0 15	16 5	26 16	...	322 5	319 16
bburn	63	159	...	222	80	302	200	145	2 0	...	...	1 1	3 19	...	...	...	...	5 0	3 18	...	307 0	216 18
kham	...	261	8	269	5	274	200*	...	3 0	...	912	7 10	7 9	3 6	...	4 3	...	934 8	7 2	15	1223 8	360 14
ighton-le-Spring ...	61	120	...	181	500	681	200*	...	2 10	...	...	...	3 17	...	...	...	...	3 17	11 5	...	684 17	11 5
row—Ellison Street ...	165	334	23	522	143	665	300*	...	6 0	...	...	21 18	...	...	...	2 8	...	24 6	5 12	5	694 6	584 12
,, —Wear Street ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 10	...	...	...	6 4	...	...	...	...	6 4	...	...	6 4	...
lingworth	30	79	...	109	...	109	200	100	1 10	...	...	0 10	2 1	...	...	0 11	...	3 2	4 12	...	1112 2	73 12
wcastle—Barras Bridge	171	663	15	849	300	1149	520	5	4 0	5	300	20 0	7 2	...	...	2 10	...	334 12	13 15	7	490 12	1052 15
,, —Blackett Street	289	433	374	1096	...	1096	450	...	9 0	...	246	...	23 8	12 18	..	...	...	282 6	12 5	23	1401 6	1213 12
,, —Byker	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
,, —Erskine Church	62	160	3	225	3	228	284	..	3 0	...	...	3 2	...	...	...	...	...	3 2	8 6	5	236 2	297 0
,, —John Knox ...	261	330	316	907	112	1019	405	263	7 0	63	166	5 0	28 15	8 10	...	6 0	...	277 5	130 0	...	1296 5	1109 0
,, —Park Road ...	...	277	5	282	109	391	200	...	2 10	...	...	...	14 14	...	...	...	...	14 14	9 15	7	412 14	343 15
,, —St. George's ...	153	354	40	547	85	632	300	...	6 0	...	...	4 0	...	...	...	...	...	4 0	...	23	659 0	888 10
,, —Trinity	335	485	145	965	318	1283	600	269	9 0	69	581	11 0	20 13	9 0	8 0	8 0	...	709 13	107 16	...	1992 13	1120 16
,, —Westmorland Rd.	264	369	34	667	438	1105	400	7	7 0	7	400	33 0	8 14	...	...	7 0	...	455 14	33 17	29	1589 14	905 17
rth Shields—Howard St	179	361	25	565	16	581	350	223	6 0	23	...	...	22 4	8 0	1 0	3 0	...	57 4	70 16	...	638 4	621 16
,, —Northumbrlnd.Sq	185	247	193	625	91	716	350	...	6 0	...	10	12 15	5 0	4 18	...	...	...	32 13	5 18	13	761 13	5 18
ton Burn	38	53	...	91	13	104	93	...	...	...	...	1 0	0 10	...	...	1 0	...	2 10	3 0	...	106 10	127 0
ton Delaval	65	41	...	106	37	143	200	131	1 10	...	...	1 10	4 19	...	...	...	...	6 9	6 1	...	149 9	137 1
th Shields—East Street	78	197	17	292	...	292	200	...	3 0	...	50	1 0	2 10	...	...	...	...	53 10	1 10	...	345 10	358 16
,, —Laygate ...	...	491	99	590	...	590	379	67	6 0	67	1000	13 2	40 13	6 14	...	...	...	1127 9	132 8	...	1717 9	794 8
Carried forward ...	3045	6721	1404	11170	5107	16277	7431	1579	102 10	257	3918	166 15	223 15	58 14	12 6	39 6	4 13	4680 9	623 15	154	21111 9	12968 7

(a) Minister pay interest. (b With £100 for assistant minister.

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,, —St. John's ...	168	225	34	427	483	910	275	...	4 0	...	767	3 0	4 0	6 13	...	3 0	...	783 13	21 5	...	1693 13	1231 5
nfordham	36	51	2	89	30	119	201	..	1 10	...	...	2 8	...	...	...	...	...	2 8	1 5	...	121 8	99 0
derland—Bethany ..	22	140	4	166	...	166	171	...	1 10	...	...	5 0	3 7	...	...	...	...	8 7	2 5	...	174 7	174 12
,, —North Bridge St.	98	304	70	472	...	472	*a*300*	216	4 0	16	71	3 10	40 3	3 0	2 0	4 0	2 0	141 13	60 1	...	613 13	532 1
,, —St. George's ...	212	358	126	696	229	925	400	244	7 0	44	54	8 0	27 3	6 4	...	5 10	...	144 17	94 4	...	1069 17	1089 4
,, —St. Stephen's ...	62	187	7	256	...	256	207	...	2 0	...	...	3 10	0 8	...	...	...	...	3 18	1 14	2 0	261 18	266 4
,, —Smyrna... ...	57	143	16	216	...	216	200*	...	3 0	...	25	12 2	6 18	1 3	...	1 0	...	46 3	11 2	...	262 3	250 4
,, —Trinity... ...	200	329	70	599	376	975	320	...	6 0	...	240	20 0	25 11	...	...	...	...	285 11	25 8	...	1260 11	1269 8
dwell	18	37	2	57	35	92	186	...	1 10	...	...	2 3	1 0	...	...	0 15	...	3 18	4 19	...	95 18	190 19
lker	83	202	14	299	58	357	200*	...	3 0	...	38	2 6	5 0	...	...	...	...	45 6	1 10	...	402 6	278 14
llsend	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 10	...	300	2 12	7 6	...	...	...	...	309 18	0 18	...	309 18	172 18
rk	35	41	...	76	...	76	150*	69	1 10	...	19	1 0	1 4	0 15	...	0 19	...	22 18	4 19	...	98 18	74 19
llington Quay	37	175	...	212	27	239	194*b*	...	1 10	...	...	2 15	2 15	...	...	...	...	5 10	...	...	244 10	...
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lisle—Warwick Road...	...	326	26	352	258	610	240	206	2 0	6	29	5 18	14 4	4 13	1 10	2 0	0 7	63 12	39 2	...	673 12	321 2
,, —Fisher Street ...	164	334	140	638	...	638	350*	...	4 0	...	11	45 0	11 9	10 13	9 0	...	...	87 2	...	20 0	745 2	719 11
ator Moor	50	96	...	146	...	146	200*	137	2 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 11	...	146 0	161 11
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yport—John Street ...	43	45	4	92	...	92	115	105	2 0	...	...	3 12	5 15	...	...	...	...	9 7	7 10	...	101 7	120 10
,, —Crosby Street...	70	90	13	173	...	173	200	...	2 0	...	...	10 5	5 3	...	...	...	...	15 8	8 10	...	188 8	186 10
rith	32	102	37	171	...	171	203	...	2 0	...	34	20 0	13 18	...	...	...	...	67 18	33 10	...	238 18	212 2
itehaven—Market Pl...	131	217	4	352	21	373	260	210	2 10	10	34	2 7	23 11	2 5	...	2 6	...	74 9	37 6	...	447 9	693 6
,, —High Street	68	78	...	146	15	161	184	...	2 0	...	...	5 0	...	...	...	...	...	5 0	...	...	166 0	...
rkington	48	63	9	120	...	120	200	105	2 0	...	...	...	1 18	...	...	...	...	1 18	3 10	...	121 18	111 10
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ılington...	116	312	110	538	261	799	300	210	2 0	10	311	4 0	47 17	2 13	...	4 0	...	379 10	34 9	...	1178 10	514 9						
rry Hill	46	126	14	186	24	210	197*	..	1 15	...	...	2 5	1 9	...	...	...	...	3 14	4 9	5	218 14	195 1						
imsby	...	187	3	190	..	190	238	36	1 10	...	...	1 14	11 17	1 10	...	...	...	15 1	14 15	...	205 1	459 15						
rtlepool...	90	126	29	245	27	272	200	...	1 15	...	...	4 10	2 16	...	...	...	...	7 6	3 0	...	279 6	274 12						
rrogate	...	325	9	334	125	459	288	...	1 10	...	...	2 0	2 0	...	...	...	...	4 0	3 7	...	463 0	727 7						
ll—Holderness Road ...	...	365	13	378	3	381	175	...	2 0	...	...	2 17	7 3	1 5	...	...	...	11 5	12 1	...	392 5	1013 1						
, —Prospect Street ...	...	305	863	1168	13	1181	...	20	2 0	20	...	22 5	320 1	12 9	...	16 12	...	391 7	294 8	...	1572 7	2682 8						
, —Spring Bank ...	...	344	4	348	...	348	113	106	1 15	...	...	...	22 17	...	...	...	...	22 17	1 3	...	370 17	421 2						
ddlesborough	98	232	16	346	375	721	250	...	1 15	...	233	1 1	7 6	0 12	...	1 13	...	243 12	6 0	...	964 12	669 0						
dcar	60	151	...	211	56	267	200	...	1 10	...	..	2 10	3 1	...	..	...	...	5 11	...	...	272 11	237 15						
ckton—St. George's ...	119	356	28	503	258	761	300	...	1 15	..	485	3 0	3 0	2 0	...	2 10	...	495 10	7 18	...	1256 10	2099 18						
,, —St. Andrew's ...	53	209	14	276	15	291	210*	...	1 15	...	7	3 0	11 7	6 15	...	4 6	...	32 8	13 13	...	323 8	326 13						
wlaw	59	55	5	119	55	174	198	...	1 5	...	...	0 17	...	...	...	...	...	0 17	...	...	174 17	137 17						
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hitby—Trinity	...	178	...	178	6	184	200	...	1 10	..	230	1 10	7 0	1 4	...	...	...	239 14	4 15	...	423 14	283 15						
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rrow-in-Furness ...	273	180	43	496	80	576	200	...	2 10	...	...[a]	...	24 12	7 15	...	4 18	...	37 5	11 13	...	613 5	581 2						
kenhead—Claughton ...	537	310	356	1203	1636	2839	700	28	15 0	28	1655	92 17	99 5	21 2	...	...	...	1896 4	111 11	40	4775 4	1791 14						
,, —Grange Road	400	229	341	970	399	1369	500	...	11 10	...	367	81 19	69 13	12 15	...	...	...	531 7	81 11	81	1981 7	1558 11						
,, —Hamilton ...	113	209	47	369	...	369	205*	203	1 10	3	20	1 10	16 5	4 0	2 0	1 10	...	48 5	35 16	...	417 5	411 16						
,, —St. Andrew's	335	257	257	849	263	1112	579	291	11 10	91	242	...	36 4	11 10	...	...	...	380 14	103 17	...	1492 14	853 17						
,, —St. Paul's ...	154	270	9	433	...	433	250	...	2 5	...	43	1 10	...	...	...	...	...	44 10	...	...	477 10	458 7						
ester	157	140	12	309	...	309	250	...	2 0	...	...	3 16	5 1	...	...	...	...	8 17	24 8	...	317 17	332 8						
uglas	96	194	54	344	...	344	200*	200	2 5	...	...	3 0	9 10	8 19	...	2 10	...	23 19	24 18	...	367 19	424 18						
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verpool—Canning Street	612	243	68	923	314	1237	800	363	15 0	163	3387	29 4	94 10	17 13	...	15 18	7 19	3715 4	548 18	...	4952 4	1823 18						
,, —Derby Road ...	607	378	362	1347	66	1413	600	...	14 13	...	...	26 9	52 9	...	...	12 16	...	91 14	...	...	1504 14	...						
,, —Everton Valley.	525	265	143	933	237	1170	525	250	8 10	50	255	13 6	76 5	12 0	8 3	9 1	...	423 15	168 1	...	1593 15	1096 1						
,, —Fairfield ...	350	325	183	858	537	1395	600	250	8 10	50	1308	17 10	110 4	9 9	9 4	13 2	7 18	1525 7	183 16	...	2920 7	1767 16						
,, —Hyslop Street...	...	41	6	47	...	47	300	150	2 5	...	...	...	11 15	...	...	...	...	11 15	21 12	...	58 15	21 12						
,, —Islington ...	492	347	72	911	88	999	550*	49	11 10	49	...	23 18	73 14	10 7	8 18	9 13	...	175 10	157 16	...	1174 10	1110 16						
,, —Mount Pleasant	419	437	433	1289	273	1562	700	...	15 0	...	2437	76 1	27 0	...	...	...	...	2540 1	52 15	50	4152 1	719 17						
,, —Prince's Road...	184	204	17	405	711	1116	250	...	2 5	...	...	2 2	9 19	3 2	1 1	...	...	16 4	7 5	...	1132 4	902 0						
,, —Queen's Road ...	421	482	232	1135	67	1202	500	105	6 10	...	...	...	12 5	...	...	...	...	12 5	16 5	5	1219 5	1119 5						
,, —Shaw Street ...	135	166	13	314	28	342	200	200	2 5	...	5	3 0	3 10	...	...	...	...	11 10	...	...	353 10	289 10						
,, —St. George's ...	255	243	28	526	..	526	400	203	5 0	3	...	9 12	13 17	...	...	...	...	26 9	26 0	...	552 9	365 0						
,, —St. Peter's ...	270	331	74	678	13	691	400	200	5 0	...	32	3 17	28 12	...	...	...	...	64 9	50 6	...	755 9	825 6						
,, —Trinity... ...	207	334	163	704	338	1042	400	250	5 0	50	105	13 0	44 12	17 9	3 7	4 12	4 12	242 12	124 0	...	1284 12	765 0						
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rkgate	...	252	...	252	23	275	200	155	1 10	...	5	5 0	5 0	1 16	...	...	...	16 16	8 18	...	291 16	28 18
msay	38	83	...	121	5	126	122	...	1 0	...	...	7 13	1 2	...	...	...	...	8 15	0 13	...	134 15	0 13
ckferry	278	180	221	679	165	844	531	277	7 10	...	2220	11 11	213 8	12 9	5 7	5 18	5 2	2550 15	346 15	...	3394 15	1293 13
uthport	194	215	48	457	183	640	400	210	5 0	77	...	9 5	25 9	...	...	..	...	44 14	46 12	...	684 14	551 12
Helen's	79	189	5	273	766	1039	200*	188	1 10	10	20	2 0	17 2	1 2	...	1 10	1 0	42 14	27 2	...	1081 14	518 2
tton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 18	...	2 10	...	2 10	...	6 18	...	...	6 18	...
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(a) With £100 to senior minister. (b) For ten and a half months.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—*continued.*

Congregations.	Congregational Finances. Income for Congregational Purposes. Seat Rents.	Collections.	Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.	Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Synodical Finances. Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.	Thanksgiving Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Schools.	Total. 1877.	Total. 1876.	United Presbyterian Church, 1877.	Grand Total. 1877.	Grand Total. 1876.
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on—Belgrave ...	397	267	204	868	32	900	607	235	9 0	35	...	...	74 17	22 5	8 6	9 4	...	149 12	149 16	...	1049 12	1008 16
—Bermondsey ...	...	91	...	91	...	91	...	24	1 10	...	...	...	4 13	...	...	...	...	4 13	1 19	...	95 13	1 19
—Bow Road ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	125	...	...	...	2 16	...	...	...	...	...	2 16	2 16	...	2 16	192 11
—Brockley	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
—Camberwell ...	269	304	116	689	101	790	400	158	4 10	8	758	9 0	12 0	4 4	...	4 16	...	796 0	53 12	...	1586 0	1554 12
—Camden Road ...	349	587	179	1115	498	1613	500	220	9 0	20	410	10 5	71 5	12 5	5 13	10 0	...	539 8	123 4	...	2152 8	3036 4
—Canonbury ...	184	165	...	349	181	530	305*	208	4 10	8	...	2 0	21 18	4 10	...	3 10	...	39 18	13 16	...	569 18	117 16
—Clapham Road ...	985	799	1935	3709	122	3831	1000	400	15 0	200	997	102 10	24 15	10 0	...	15 0	...	1349 5	100 0	228 2	5408 7	4003 10
—Clapton	261	327	38	626	578	1204	350	205	3 0	5	...	...	43 3	7 0	...	7 0	...	62 3	48 12	...	1266 3	672 12
—Crouch Hill ...	...	465	7	472	23	495	400	...	3 0	...	700	10 17	13 7	6 0	...	...	...	730 4	24 0	..	1225 4	1698 0
—Ealing	97	229	26	352	270	622	350	200	1 10	. .	...	5 5	15 19	5 11	...	4 5	...	31 0	48 6	...	653 0	405 6
—East India Road ...	75	148	9	232	22	254	200	155	1 10	...	...	...	11 8	...	...	...	...	11 8	9 0	...	265 8	261 0
—Forest Hill ...	343	447	227	1017	105	1122	510	...	9 0	...	320	...	63 15	17 2	...	...	...	400 17	48 5	...	1522 17	1362 5
—Goldington Cresct.	...	456	...	456	...	456	250	...	1 10	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	456 0	335 0
—Greenwich ...	448	827	414	1689	519	2208	575	335	12 0	135	116	21 2	190 16	58 4	...	19 14	...	540 16	514 11	...	2748 16	1727 11
—Hammersmith ...	299	220	183	702	1095	1797	300	...	4 10	...	790	4 10	26 16	3 9	...	4 1	...	828 16	6 0	...	2625 16	750 1
—Hampstead ...	306	442	345	1093	...	1093	550*	406	9 0	206	44	73 13	105 15	21 11	18 12	56 15	...	526 6	661 15	...	1619 6	1508 15
—Highbury ...	694	688	477	1859	1035	2894	850	60	15 0	60	259	15 10	209 12	10 10	...	25 0	14 15	594 7	35 5	290 0	3778 7	2620 13
—Islington	653	236	403	1292	1202	2494	763	321	12 0	121	...	19 10	94 2	15 14	10 0	17 11	8 10	286 7	295 2	...	2680 7	1572 2

—Kensington ...	158	158	62	378	99	477	550b	...	...	...	200	2 15	7 18	6 6	...	...	...	216 19	2 13	...	693 19	2 13
—Kngstn-on-Thmes.	45	65	7	117	...	117	250	23	1 10	...	110	...	3 3	..	...	...	...	113 8	5 4	...	230 3	156 4
—Marylebone ...	1341	573	658	2572	864	3436	1050	690	15 0	490	226	77 1	173 14	43 19	30 12	24 0	13 6	1078 12	628 14	...	4514 12	5145 14
—Millwall	38	91	...	129	12	141	200	107	1 10	...	...	...	1 0	1 0	...	...	...	2 0	4 10	...	143 0	107 10
—New Barnet ...	82	131	32	245	25	270	200	...	1 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7 12	...	270 0	227 12
—Notting Hill ...	991	465	306	1762	183	1945	1000	378	12 0	178	188	40 12	108 13	119 10	9 9	42 14	6 6	693 4	317 6	...	2638 4	4118 6
—Old St. Pancras ...	29	22	30	81	..	81	205	105	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	81 0	...
—Oxenden Street ...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 10	...	...	...	5 0	...	...	...	...	5 0	2 2	...	5 0	2 2
—Regent Square ..	861	611	563	2035	...	2035	1050	485	15 0	285	1685	153 19	368 13	64 18	24 0	84 9	53 1	2119 0	1044 0	...	4154 0	3311 0
—Richmond ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
—St. John's Wood...	865	802	211	1878	1580	3458	1110	359	15 0	359	1097	193 12	193 12	23 4	...	25 13	5 0	1897 1	715 14	...	5355 1	3173 14
—South Kensington	342	826	136	1304	660	1964	800	190	9 0	...	5	12 10	15 0	10 0	...	5 0	...	47 10	42 2	...	2111 10	1440 2
—Southwark ...	70	127	...	197	18	215	155	110	1 10	...	...	1 10	2 5	1 15	...	1 10	...	7 0	8 5	...	222 0	203 5
—Stepney	243	187	16	446	23	469	405	220	6 0	20	...	3 0	11 14	4 8	...	...	...	39 2	40 8	...	508 2	40 8
—Stratford	115	196	...	311	150	461	300	...	1 10	...	10	...	8 0	...	...	...	...	18 0	...	5	484 0	349 2
—Streatham ...	36	181	6	223	536	759	400	...	3 0	...	162	6 6	10 17	2 19	3 14	4 1	...	189 17	8 3	...	958 17	867 3
—Tottenham ...	143	102	83	328	3	331	300	212	3 0	12	1	6 0	44 15	9 10	12 10	10 0	...	95 15	84 13	...	426 15	791 13
—Upper Norwood ...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	210	4 10	10	...	4 4	17 3	13 5	...	...	...	44 12	48 2	...	44 12	509 2
—Victoria Docks ...	33	73	5	111	35	146	205	205	1 10	5	2	...	7 18	3 5	...	...	...	18 3	7 19	..	164 4	124 19
—Wandsworth ...	214	147	17	378	54	432	400	...	4 10	...	..	7 10	21 4	8 2	...	6 0	...	42 16	52 0	...	474 16	52 0
—Westbourne Grove	232	568	299	1099	2200	3299	550	...	...	...	101	5 0	...	...	...	..	...	106 0	23 7	29	3434 0	23 7
—Whitfield... ...	46	66	28	140	13	153	200	122	1 10	...	...	...	11 4	...	...	...	...	11 4	9 15	...	164 3	1014 15
—Willesden ...	256	239	45	540	1086	1626	350	...	3 0	...	1000	100 0	12 17	5 4	1 8	2 10	1 0	1122 19	19 0	...	2748 19	977 0
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—Woolwich, St. A. .	177	190	21	388	146	534	250	...	...	...	...	14 6	10 7	...	...	...	...	24 13	24 17	1	559 13	889 17
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(a) For three quarters. (b) For eleven months.

SUMMARY—II. FINANCIAL.

Presbyteries.	Congregational Finances: Income for Congregational Purposes: Seat Rent.	Congregational Finances: Income for Congregational Purposes: Collections.	Congregational Finances: Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Congregational Finances: Total Ordinary Revenue.	Congregational Finances: For Temporary Purposes.	Congregational Finances: Total.	Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Synodical Finances: Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.	Synodical Finances: Thanksgiving Fund.	Synodical Finances: Home Missions.	Synodical Finances: Foreign Missions.	Synodical Finances: Jewish Mission.	Synodical Finances: Continental Missions.	Synodical Finances: College.	Synodical Finances: Schools.	Synodical Finances: Total. 1877.	Synodical Finances: Total. 1876.	United Presbyterian Church, 1877.	Grand Total. 1877.	Grand Total. 1876.
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Newcastle ...	4163	9123	1841	15127	6463	21590	10460	2113	143 10	317	5704	237 11	353 7	76 9	14 6	54 10	6 13	6763 16	855 6	160 0	28513 16	19173 17
Carlisle	627	1571	241	2439	304	2743	2479	997	27 10	16	108	97 2	81 2	17 11	10 10	4 6	0 7	334 18	143 19	20 0	3097 18	2991 2
Darlington ...	741	3811	1163	5715	1891	7606	3867	372	30 0	30	6318	57 1	470 14	30 0	...	29 1	...	6934 16	429 11	5 0	14545 16	10901 13
Liverpool ...	7724	7090	3677	18491	6232	24723	11485	3889	181 3	577	13579	455 4	1193 1	159 18	38 0	83 18	26 11	16112 12	2222 8	206 0	41041 12	21247 14
Manchester ...	4458	7401	2053	13912	4287	18199	7552	3214	137 18	309	3398	334 3	708 13	63 18	15 0	86 11	24 19	4940 4	1482 16	33 0	23172 4	20059 19
Birmingham ...	1214	2784	236	4234	2454	6688	3125	1524	39 19	25	1735	51 18	167 6	9 7	...	10 12	...	1999 3	194 18	67 0	8754 3	5828 4
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Church Building..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	577 0	892 0
Aged and Infirm .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	603 0	868 10
Widows & Orphans	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1889 0	1724 0
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OVERTURES.

The College Hall, Queen Square House, the ninth day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight years; at which time and place the Presbytery of London met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. MacEwan, seconded by Mr. John Bell, and resolved, that the following overture be transmitted to the Synod, viz. :—

"Whereas the training of the young in the knowledge of Scripture and maintenance of sound doctrine is an important part of the Church's work, and one in which the future extension and welfare of the Church are deeply involved; whereas the Church is largely dependent for the accomplishment of this work on the promotion and efficiency of Sabbath Schools; and whereas it is most desirable for the encouragement and regulation of these Schools that their existence be formally recognised, and their position as a part of the Church's organisation duly defined; It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of London to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to meet in Manchester on the 29th of April next, that the Synod consider how Sabbath Schools may be further encouraged, and their efficiency secured, and particularly the propriety of inserting a chapter or section on Sabbath Schools in the Directory now in preparation, for which purpose the following articles are respectfully submitted for approval:—

"1. The religious instruction of children is a sacred and inalienable duty of Christian parents; but as an obligation rests also on the Church to provide it, a Sabbath School should be instituted in each Congregation, not as a substitute for home instruction, but as a valuable help in the discharge of that duty.

"2. All Sabbath Schools in connection with a Congregation are under the supervision of its Session, and Sessions ought to take a particular interest in these Schools, and use means to promote their efficiency and prosperity.

"3. Sabbath School Teachers should be persons of intelligence and piety, and if possible in full communion with the Church, and their appointment should have the concurrence of the Minister and Session.

"4. Bible Classes for young people should also be instituted in every congregation, to be taught by qualified persons.

"5. Sessions should further institute and employ, either directly or through the agency of Congregational Missions, Sabbath Schools, for the religious instruction of neglected children in their respective neighbourhoods.

"6. Sessions should appoint a special visitation of the Sabbath Schools under their care at least once a year.

"7. Each Presbytery should have a Committee of their number to co-operate with Sessions in promoting efficient Sabbath School tuition within their bounds."

Dr. MacEwan and Mr. John Bell were appointed to appear in support of it before the Synod.

Extracted from the records of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

The College Hall, Queen Square House, the twelfth day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight years; at which time and place the Presbytery of London met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

The Rev. Dr. Fraser, according to notice given on the 19th of February, moved that the following overture be transmitted to the Synod, viz.:—

"It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of London to the Venerable the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to be held in Manchester in April next, that, in the event of the appointment of Dr. Oswald Dykes to the Chair now vacant in the College, it is highly desirable that he should at the same time be appointed Select College Preacher, charged to deliver annually a series of discourses in vindication of the Christian faith, or on theological and moral questions which may be in debate, in a suitable place in the metropolis, and to deliver the same in one of the great provincial cities or towns, under the direction of the College Committee;

"Further, that this office, if created, should have a salary attached to it, that should not be regarded as of necessity forming a permanent appendage to the Barbour Chair."

The Rev. A. J. Murray seconded the motion.

It was moved as an amendment, by Mr. Thomas Bell, that the overture be not transmitted.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Turner.

After reasoning, the Presbytery resolved to go to the vote, the question being motion or amendment? when there voted for the amendment, nine; and for the motion, sixteen; wherefore the Presbytery resolved in terms of the motion, and the overture was transmitted accordingly; and Dr. Fraser and Mr. Taylor were appointed to appear in support of it before the Synod.

Extracted from the records of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

The College Hall, Queen Square House, the ninth day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight years; at which time and place the Presbytery of London met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

The Rev. J. M. Ross moved, and the Rev. Dr. Fisher seconded, that the following overture be transmitted to the Synod, viz.:—

"Whereas this Church is engaged in Foreign Missions, Home Missions, or Church Extension, and Church Building; and whereas there is an evident want of means for carrying on these enterprises of this Church, as compared with the wide field before her, and which she is so loudly called more effectually to occupy; and whereas, it has been proved by experience, that Congregational Associations are the most productive instrumentality for raising means for such undertakings; It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of London to the Very Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to meet at Manchester on the 29th April next ensuing, to take these premises into consideration, and issue such recommendations as will be fitted to lead to the formation of an association or special organisation for affording the people a quarterly opportunity, at least, of contributing to these important undertakings."

It was moved by Dr. Lorimer, and seconded by Mr. Dinwiddie, that the overture be not transmitted.

After reasoning, the Presbytery resolved to go to the vote, the question being motion or amendment? the motion being that of Mr. Ross, the amendment that of Dr. Lorimer; when there voted for the amendment, 6; and for the motion, 33; wherefore the Presbytery resolved in terms of the motion, and the overture was

transmitted accordingly, and Mr. Ross and Mr. Carruthers were appointed to appear in support thereof before the Synod.

Extracted from the records of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

The College Hall, Queen Square House, the twelfth day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight years; at which time and place the Presbytery of London met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

Pursuant to notice given at the last Ordinary Meeting, the Rev. Dr. White moved that the following overture be transmitted to the Synod, viz.:—

"Whereas large numbers of Presbyterians from Scotland and Ireland settling in England do not continue their connection with the Church of their fathers;

"Whereas the fact just stated has called forth unfavourable reflections upon religion in general, and Presbyterian steadfastness and consistency in particular; and also affects injuriously the revival of Presbyterianism in England, for which this Church is working with so much energy and success;

"It is hereby humbly overtured by the Presbytery of London to the Venerable the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to meet at Manchester on the twenty-ninth of April next, to take the whole subject into its serious consideration, and to adopt such measures as, in the circumstances, may be considered desirable or necessary."

The motion having been seconded by the Rev. Dr. Fisher, was agreed to, and the overture was transmitted accordingly, and Dr. White, Dr. Fisher, and Mr. Turnbull were appointed to appear in support of it at the Synod.

Extracted from the records of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

I. ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

At Newcastle-on-Tyne, the eighth day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight years; at which time and place the Presbytery of Newcastle-on-Tyne being met and duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

The Presbytery proceeded to consider the report of the Church Extension Committee, when it was agreed in terms of the recommendation contained therein to overture the Synod as follows, viz.:—

"Whereas our Church has the prospect of being largely engaged in the work of Church Extension, whereby many new congregations will be added; and whereas it is of the highest importance that such work should be initiated by ministers fitted from the outset to attract persons of all classes in the neighbourhood, whether Presbyterians originally or not, who would prize an able evangelical ministry.

"It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Newcastle-on-Tyne to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England indicted to meet in Manchester on the last Monday of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight years, to consider how this object may be best secured, and in particular

"1. Whether it may be expedient to authorise Presbyteries, in special cases, in conjunction with the Home Mission Committee, to secure and ordain or induct from the very outset, ministers adapted to the special spheres in which the new charges are proposed to be placed, the Home Mission Committee making grants to such charges that have been previously sanctioned by the Synod, or

"2. Whether a certain number of ministers might be set apart specially for Church Extension work by the Synod, under suitable regulation to be hereafter adopted by the Synod, their stipends being paid or guaranteed by the Home Mission Committee. The Rev. John Thompson to support the overture before the Synod."

Extracted from the records of the Presbytery of Newcastle-on-Tyne by

JOHN BLACK, *Pres. Clerk.*

II. ON APPOINTMENT OF EVANGELISTS.

At Newcastle-on-Tyne, the ninth day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight years, at which time and place the Presbytery of Newcastle-on-Tyne being met and duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

The Rev. Richard Leitch moved the adoption of the overture of which he had given notice as follows, viz.:—

"Whereas the great need of evangelistic work has been of late years forcing itself upon the attention of all the Christian churches of the land; and whereas there are vast numbers of our non-church-going population whom this special agency is well fitted to reach and influence for good; and whereas the labours of many evangelists have in the past been signally owned of God in the conversion of souls; It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Newcastle to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England appointed to meet in Manchester on the last Monday of this present month, to take into consideration the desirability of appointing some itinerating evangelists who should labour in connection with the Presbyterian Church of England, and be under the immediate direction and control of the Synod."

The Presbytery agreed to adopt and transmit the overture, and appoint Mr. Leitch to support it before the Synod.

Extracted from the records of the Presbytery of Newcastle-on-Tyne by

JOHN BLACK, *Pres. Clerk.*

III. ON DISESTABLISHMENT.

At Newcastle-on-Tyne, the twelfth day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight years; at which time and place the Presbytery of Newcastle-on-Tyne being met and duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

It was unanimously agreed to overture the Synod as follows, viz.:—

"Whereas the connection of Church and State has been lately, from many causes, pressing itself more and more upon the attention of the churches; and whereas the subject is one of great intrinsic interest and practical importance; It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Newcastle-on-Tyne to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, appointed to meet in Manchester on the last Monday of April next, to take into serious consideration the question of Ecclesiastical Establishment in Great Britain."

The Rev. James Michigan and John Parker, junior, were appointed to support the overture before the Synod.

Extracted from the records of the Presbytery of Newcastle-on-Tyne by

JOHN BLACK, *Pres. Clerk.*

MINUTES.

MINUTES OF PRESBYTERY OF LONDON RELATIVE TO THE NOMINATION OF A PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY.

The College Hall, Queen Square House, the eleventh day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven years; at which time and place the Presbytery of London met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

The Presbytery took up the remit of last Synod relative to the nomination by Presbyteries of persons eligible to the vacant Chair in the Theological College of this Church.

Whereupon it was moved by the Rev. Dr. Wright, and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Drummond, "that the name of the Rev. William Dinwiddie be sent up as the name of one suitable to fill the vacant Chair."

It was moved by Mr. Gainsford Bruce, and seconded by the Rev. John Matheson, that this Presbytery do not send up any name other than that of the Rev. Dr. Dykes, as of a person well qualified to fill the vacant Chair of Theology.

After reasoning, the motion proposed by Dr. Wright was by permission of the Presbytery withdrawn.

The Question thus left being that in the motion proposed by Mr. Gainsford Bruce, the Presbytery resolved to proceed to the vote upon it, the question being, for or against the motion? when there voted for the motion, 24; and against 20. Wherefore the Presbytery did and hereby do resolve in terms of the motion.

Extracted from the records of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

MINUTE OF PRESBYTERY OF LONDON RELATIVE TO MEMORIAL FROM REGENT SQUARE.

The College Hall, Queen Square House, the twenty-third day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight years; at which time and place the Presbytery of London met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

There was laid on the table and read an extract Minute of the proceedings of the Session of Regent Square Church, on the 17th inst., to the effect that they had instructed their representative, Mr. Thomas Bell, to lay before the Presbytery a memorial from Regent Square Congregation, relative to the proposal to appoint the Rev. Dr. Dykes to the vacant Chair in the College, and to request the Presbytery to transmit the memorial to the Synod.

The following memorial bearing seven hundred and fifty signatures duly attested, was read :—

The Memorial of the undersigned Elders, Deacons, Members, and Adherents of the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, REGENT SQUARE, LONDON, to the Venerable the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to meet at Manchester, on the 29th April, 1878—

SHEWETH—

That after the Synod's refusal, at its meeting in April of last year, to remove the Rev. James Oswald Dykes, D.D., from the Pastorate of Regent Square Con-

gregation to the Theological College, the necessity of your Memorialists again approaching your venerable Court, touching the same matter, came upon them altogether as a painful surprise. Accepting as final a decision so conclusively given, they did not contemplate a re-opening of the question, and a renewal of congregational disturbance and anxiety. The short period of twelve months, which has since elapsed, has not in any way altered the attitude of Dr. Dykes, nor, to their mind, has it changed the circumstances which governed the judgment of the Synod at its last meeting in London. Your Memorialists are therefore at a loss to understand on what grounds a reversal of the recent finding can now be consistently sought.

The Congregation of Regent Square afforded to the Theological College at the first, and throughout the many years of its comparative weakness, a steady and liberal support. It recognises the importance of the College, and it rejoices in its success and promising future. Thankful for the generosity which endowed the Barbour Chair, your Memorialists would gladly see it filled by a qualified professor other than Dr. Dykes. Nor in such a case would the students of the College be bereft of the valuable spiritual and intellectual impulses to be derived from his teaching. The accommodation specially provided for them in the Regent Square Church, and the immediate proximity of the Church to the College, afford every facility for the stated attendance of the students on his ministry.

Your Memorialists would seek to remind your venerable Synod that the Congregation of Regent Square, apart from all consideration of the historical associations connected with it, may well look to the Supreme Court, in common with all the charges of the Church, for support and encouragement. It has maintained an uninterrupted career of usefulness for over fifty years; and during that time it has been privileged to render signal service to English Presbyterianism. At present it is prosperous and efficient; but the removal of Dr. Dykes would, to human foresight, involve a prolonged pulpit vacancy, a scattering of members and adherents—many of whom are attracted from great distances, a weakening of evangelistic effort, and, with failing numbers, a lessening spiritual vitality, and decreasing contributions to the funds of the Church.

These are considerations that may well affect the judgment of the Synod; but your Memorialists feel that it is more important still to rest their case on the high endowments of Dr. Dykes as a preacher. His preaching has contributed largely to the higher status which our Presbyterian Church has of recent years secured in London. His influence for good in the pulpit is widely felt and prized by thoughtful men. Large numbers of young men gathered from all parts of the United Kingdom, and engaged in various callings, wait with interested and expectant minds on his ministrations. His is indeed a ministry specially suited to young men, being at once sympathetic, intellectual, and tending to stimulate the growth of high moral and religious character. Your Memorialists, in view of such considerations, cannot contemplate without pain the great deprivation and spiritual loss that would be sustained by the severance of Dr. Dykes from the labours of the pulpit. They have no desire to underrate the good effects likely to attend his teaching were he transferred to the College, but they are persuaded—and they speak from an experience of over eight years of his ministry—that the welfare of the Presbyterian Church of England, and the interests of religious truth and life in London, equally demand the continued exercise of his gifts as a preacher.

Your Memorialists, in the present condition of our Church in England, deprecate any waste of the Church's power; and they would, in conclusion, respectfully invite the Synod to weigh well the consideration, which they have endeavoured to set forth, that Dr. Dykes is pre-eminently qualified to advance the cause of Christ as a preacher. It is as a preacher that he now wields a wide and growing influence. To them it appears that from the pulpit he can best serve the spiritual interests of his generation. They accordingly entreat the venerable Synod not to incur the responsibility of practically nullifying his rare qualifications for the proclamation of the Gospel and the enforcement of Divine truth, especially in such a sphere of labour as London, and they pray that the proposed transference of Dr. Dykes from the pulpit to the Professor's Chair may not be made.

Whereupon the Presbytery resolved that the aforesaid memorial be transmitted to the Synod.

Extracted from the records of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

RETURNS FROM PRESBYTERIES TO REMIT OF SYNOD ANENT AMALGAMATION OF COMMITTEES.

I.—Presbytery of Berwick.

No Return.

II.—Presbytery of Birmingham.

Inter alia : The Presbytery took up Synod remit respecting General Secretary and Treasurer, and Amalgamation of Committees, and resolved as follows:—"Approve generally of the scheme submitted by Messrs. Stitt and Muir."

Extracted from the Minutes.

A. M. Dalrymple, P.C.

III.—Presbytery of Bristol.

That while not committing themselves to all the details of the Scheme proposed by Messrs. Stitt and Muir, they recommend it to the Synod as the one that most commends itself to their judgment.

Peter Rutherford,
Clerk.

IV.—Presbytery of Carlisle.

The Presbytery agreed to give its general support to the scheme of Messrs. Stitt and Muir.

James Christie,
Clerk.

V.—Presbytery of Darlington.

Inter alia : Took up remit of Synod anent proposed schemes for amalgamation of Synodical Committees. Mr. Friskin submitted a modification of the second proposal (Rev. W. Limont's) as follows :—

AMALGAMATION OF SYNODICAL COMMITTEES.

I. That the various schemes of the Church should be grouped under the following Standing Committees, with power to appoint sub-Committees from their own number ; all their transactions being subject to the approval of their respective Committees :—

1. Foreign, Continental, and Jewish Missions.
2. Home work of the Church, viz. :—
   Church Building and Debt Extinction,
   Temperance and Evangelistic Operations,
   Mission Churches, and Plan of Probationers' Statistics.
3. College and Educational purposes, viz. :—
   College Institutions,
   Sabbath and Day Schools,
   Publications and Legal Documents.
4. Finance, viz. :—
   Sustentation or Stipend Fund,
   Widows' and Orphans' Fund,
   Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund,
   Synod Fund,
   Thanksgiving Fund.
5. Synod Business :—
   To Examine Commissions and Presbytery Minutes,
   To Arrange Reports of Committees, Appeals, Bills, Overtures, &c. (See Rules of Procedure.)

II. That the Standing Committees of Synod should be composed, half of members chosen by the Synod, and half of members chosen by Presbyteries, both portions to be as nearly as possible of an equal number of ministers and laymen.

III. That all the members should be appointed at first for two years, after which one third should retire annually; and that the Synodical members should be nominated by a selection committee acting under rules prescribed by the Synod.

IV. That the number of members appointed by Presbyteries should be not less than two from each Presbytery to each Standing Committee, unless a Presbytery consists of fewer than ten congregations, and the principle of election to be in the proportion of one for each fifteen or fraction of fifteen sanctioned charges; all new elections to date from the close of the annual meeting of Synod.

V. That the members of Foreign Missions Committee, excepting the Synod and Presbytery of London, be the same as for College and Educational purposes.

VI. That a General Secretary and Treasurer be appointed by the Synod, which shall also decide respecting salaries, and all details of official responsibility.

VII. That the Moderator and Clerk of Synod, with General Secretary and Treasurer, be honorary members of all Standing Committees.

VIII. That central offices be in London, and all Committees, except for Synod business, meet quarterly in London, or such provincial centres as may be found desirable.

Travelling expenses to be charged as when attending meetings of Synod.

After discussion the Presbytery agreed unanimously to adopt this scheme, and transmit to the Clerk of Synod.

Extracted from the Minutes of Presbytery by

JOHN BOGUE,
Presbytery Clerk.

VI.—PRESBYTERY OF LIVERPOOL.

On the remit of Synod anent the appointment of a General Secretary, &c., the Presbytery resolved as follows:—

1. Recommend the appointment of a General Secretary and a General Treasurer.

2. Recommend that, in so far as may be found consistent with financial arrangements, the proportion of Presbyterially-appointed members of the Committees be increased.

3. As regards the plans proposed for the amalgamation of the Committees the Presbytery respectfully submit that no sufficient reason has been shown for abandoning the advantage belonging to a system of independent Committees. They perceive that if amalgamation of Committees were effected, one of the first steps that would become necessary would be the appointment of sub-Committees to take up the various branches of Church enterprise now watched over by separate Committees, and in their view management by Committees is superior to management by sub-Committees under a General Board. The Presbytery are of opinion that the present system, instead of being overthrown by so sudden and sweeping a change is worthy of being gradually and prudently amended. They suggest that the Synod might aim at a moderate reduction from time to time of the number of Committees, if it can be found that any can be dispensed with; and also that it might more carefully guard against the formation of new Committees, except in cases of absolute necessity; and that it might avail itself of other means for improving the organisation.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Liverpool by

GEORGE JOHNSTONE,
Presbytery Clerk.

VII.—PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

Mr. Watson gave in the Report of the Committee on the Re-Arrangement of the Committees of Synod, and on the appointment of a Secretary and a Treasurer of the Church.

After deliberation, the Presbytery resolved that the Report, with the recommendations contained therein, be transmitted to the Synod's Committee as the subject thereof, in the following terms, viz.:—

I. That the Committee on the Jewish Mission be amalgamated with the Committee on the Continent, that the Committee on Foreign Missions remain as at present, and that the accounts and monies of these Committees be kept separate.

II. That the Committee on the Sustentation Fund, the Committee on the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, be amalgamated as the Committee on Ministerial Support, and that the accounts and monies of these Committees be kept separate.

III. That the Committee on the Home Mission, the Committee on Church Building and Debt Extinction, the Committee on the Distribution of Probationers, and the Committee on Sabbath Schools, be amalgamated, and the accounts and monies of these Committees be kept separate.

IV. That the Committee on the College and the Committee on Week-Day Schools be amalgamated, and that the accounts and monies of these Committees be kept separate.

V. That the Committee on Publications and the Committee on Law and Historical Documents be amalgamated.

VI. That there be a Committee on General Purposes, to which shall be entrusted the subject of correspondence with other Churches, including the nomination of Corresponding Members and Deputies to other Churches, the recommendation of the times, number, and objects of Synod Collections, the charge of the Synod Fund, General Statistics, and other matters affecting the Church, and not committed to any of the other Standing Committees.

VII. As to the Composition and Election of the Standing Committees, That

1. The Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer of Synod, and the General Secretary, shall be *ex officiis* members of all the Standing Committees of Synod.
2. Each Committee, except that on General Purposes, shall consist, in addition to the members already specified, of a Chairman and Secretary, and twenty-four other members, elected by the Synod, and of the Presbytery's representatives.
3. One-third of the twenty-four elected members shall retire annually, of whom one-half shall be eligible for re-election. Each Committee shall submit to the Synod the names proposed for re-election.
4. The Presbyteries' representatives shall be elected by each Presbytery in the proportion of one for each fifteen, or fraction of fifteen, sanctioned charges within its bounds, and the names shall be forwarded to the Clerk of the Synod not later than seven days before the meeting of Synod.
5. The Committee on General Purposes shall consist of the officials of the Synod and of the Synod's Standing Committees, of the Presbyteries' representatives, and of fifteen members elected by the Synod in the same manner as the elected members of the other Committees. The Moderator of Synod shall be *ex officio* Chairman, and the Clerk of Synod shall be *ex officio* Secretary of this Committee.

VIII. That the travelling expenses of the members to each of the aggregate meetings shall be paid out of funds derived from the funds of the Synod's Committees respectively at the same rate as members are paid when attending Synod.

IX. That the Synod be recommended to appoint a General Treasurer, under the superintendence of a Committee of six members elected by the Synod, with an office in London.

X. That the Synod be recommended to appoint a General Secretary of the Church, whose duties shall include the Secretaryship of the Sustentation Fund.

XI. That the Aggregate Meetings of all the Committees be held in London.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE,
Presbytery Clerk.

VIII.—PRESBYTERY OF MANCHESTER.

In regard to the proposed amalgamation of the Standing Committees of the Church, the Presbytery is of opinion that it is not desirable meantime to make any radical change. The Presbytery, however, would suggest to the Synod to consider whether or not the duties of Secretary of the Sustentation Fund and those of General Treasurer for the Schemes of the Church might not be combined and discharged by one official having an office in London.

JOHN GORDON,
Presbytery Clerk.

IX.—Presbytery of Newcastle.

The Presbytery proceeded to consider the Report of the Committee on Synodical Remits in regard to the Remit of the Synod on the question of the amalgamation of Committees and the appointment of a General Secretary, and in terms of the same agreed to send up the following suggestions as expressing generally the mind of the Presbytery on the matter, viz.:—

I. That as any further amalgamation of Committees will involve so great an increase of the administrative work of each of the United Committees as to make it impossible to conduct it without a General Secretary this Presbytery is of opinion that the Synod should first of all come to some decision on the question of a General Secretary.

II. That the appointment of a General Secretary seems to this Presbytery absolutely necessary to the consolidation and future progress of the Church, and ought not to be any longer delayed.

III. That in the event of the appointment of a General Secretary the following amalgamations seem practicable and desirable, viz. :—

1. Under some such title as Home Mission Board,
   (1) The Home Mission Committee.
   (2) The Church Building and Debt Extinction Committee.
2. Under some such title as Board of Foreign and Jewish Missions.
   (1) Foreign Mission Committee.
   (2) Jewish Mission Committee.
   (3) Continental Missions Committee.
   (4) Committee on Correspondence with other Churches.
3. Under some such title as Board of Ministerial Support.
   (1) Sustentation Fund Committee.
   (2) Aged and Infirm Ministers' Committee.
   (3) Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund Committee.
   (4) Committee on Christian Giving.
4. Under some such title as College and Education Committee.
   (1) The College Committee.
   (2) The Schools Committee.
   (3) The Sabbath Schools Committee.

IV. That the following Committees not included in the above Scheme, or so many of them as the Synod may see good to retain, might remain separate as at present, viz.:—

1. On Law and Historical Documents.
2. On Publications.
3. On General Purposes.
4. On Statistics.
5. On Distribution of Probationers.
6. On Distribution of Thanksgiving Fund.
7. On Oversight of Soldiers.

V. That an additional small Committee should be appointed, under whose direction the whole financial business of the Synod shall be conducted; and that there be one Synodical Treasurer, whose office shall be in London.

VI. That the composition of the Committees might be provided for as follows, viz. :—

1. Home Mission Board, in the general line of the suggestions of Messrs. Stitt and Muir, except that Presbyteries should only be required to select ministers and laymen, *as far as possible*, in equal proportions.
2. { Board of Foreign and Jewish Mission. } { Board of Ministerial Support. } { College and Education Committee. } { Law and Historical Documents Committee. } { Publications Committee. }
   All in the proportion of one-third to be chosen directly by the Synod, and two-thirds to be nominated by Presbyteries for confirmation by the Synod : say in the meantime—
   12 selected directly by the Synod.
   24 nominated by Presbyteries, the same Presbytery Representatives to sit on all the Committees, as at present.
3. The Committee on General Purposes to consist of the Chairmen and Secretaries, or Vice-Chairmen, of all Committees, together with the Presbyterian Representatives.
4. The remaining Committees to be selected directly by the Synod.

VII. That the Synod should determine the time and place of the first meeting of all the Committees, leaving each to elect its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

VIII. That one-fourth of those elected directly by the Synod should retire annually, but that all should be eligible for re-election.

IX. That for the first year the members of Committees to be nominated by Presbyteries should be so nominated at the first meeting after the Synod, and not require Synodical confirmation.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Newcastle-on-Tyne, by

JOHN BLACK,
Presbytery Clerk.

X.—PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

In regard to the amalgamation of Committees the Presbytery agreed to adh ere to their former Report.

JAMES BLYTHE,
Presbytery Clerk.

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OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

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At London, and within Regent Square Church, on Monday, the 21st day of April, 1879, Six o'clock p.m. Monday, 21st April.

Which time and place the Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of England, and Ruling Elders, Commissioners to the Synod of said Church appointed to be held at London this day, convened; and Public Worship was conducted by the Rev. WILLIAM CHALMERS, D.D., Professor of Theology and Ecclesiastical History, and Moderator of last Synod, who preached from Matthew xx., 26-28, "But it shall not be so among you," &c.

Thereafter, and the services of the sanctuary having been concluded, the Synod was constituted with prayer by Dr. CHALMERS; and the names of the Ministers and Elders on the Clerk's Roll were laid on the table as follow:— Constituted.

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*The Rev. Adam Lind,
The Rev. John McColl,
*The Rev. Hugh Stevenson,
The Rev. James Graham,
The Rev. James L. Murray, *Ministers;*
*Provost Jamieson (Aberdeen),
Mr. Murdock Jeffrey (Stranraer),
Mr. Kenneth Mathieson (Dunfermline),
*Mr. Thomas Scott (Kelso), *Elders.*

Note A.—Members whose names have an asterisk (*) prefixed, not having entered their names on the Attendance Roll, there is no record of their having been present at the Synod.

Note B.—Places printed in *Italics* are Preaching Stations.

Moderator chosen.

Dr. Chalmers reminded the Synod that at their last meeting they had made choice of the Rev. William Graham, of Liverpool, to be Moderator of this Synod. The Synod cordially confirmed the appointment, and Dr. Graham, by the Synod's desire, took the Chair and delivered a suitable address.

The Synod requested the Moderator to allow the publication of the Address just delivered, to which request he acceded; and the Synod resolved on the publication thereof accordingly.

Standing Orders.

The Standing Orders in use at previous meetings of Synod were again adopted *ad interim*, and were held as read.

Thanks.

The Synod's thanks were tendered to the Rev. Dr. Chalmers for his conduct in the Chair at last meeting of Synod, and for the Sermon this evening delivered.

Ministerial Charges.

The Synod called for the Report of the Ministerial Changes that have taken place during the past Synodical year, which Report was given in by the Clerk.

The Synod receive the Report, and order it to be printed along with the other Reports submitted to the House.

Dr. McKerrow and Rev. J. R. Welsh.

In connection with this Report, the Rev. James Towers, Birkenhead, invited the special attention of the Synod to the deaths as intimated therein, of the Rev. Dr. McKerrow, of Manchester, and the Rev. J. R. Welsh, of Liverpool, and moved the appointment of a Committee to prepare a suitable Minute regarding them to be entered on the Synod's Records.

The Synod resolve accordingly, and appoint the following Committee, namely:—*Ministers*—Revs. Dr. Edmond, Dr. Dykes, W. Rigby, Murray, James Muir. *Elders*—Mr. H. M. Matheson, Mr. W. P. Sinclair. *Convener*—Rev. James Muir; with instructions to report to a future Sederunt.

Committees.

The Synod then appointed the following Committees, namely:—

I.—Committee on Bills, and Business.

Ministers—Revs. H. L. Mackenzie, Robert Gordon, John Smith, Peter Valence, J. B. Thorburn, John Rutherford, James B. Dougherty, Joseph Wood, James Christie, W. A. P. Johnman, John Bogue, James Towers, Alex. M. Symington, George Lewis, David Henderson, Gavin Carlyle, John Matheson, Dr. Davidson, Dr. Raitt, Dr. Dykes, Dr. White, Dr. Morison, William Ballantyne, Dr. Wright, Samuel Prenter, William T. Johnston, Alex. H. Drysdale, George Bell, Richard Leith, John B. Meharry, Dr. Anderson, and the Synod Clerk. *Elders*—Messrs. James S. Ness, James E. Mathieson, Rev. Dr. Traill, Mr. John Bell, Rev. John M. Ross, Messrs. William Carruthers, Hugh M. Matheson, James Parlane, Thomas Hall, Gainsford Bruce, R. Morton, George Duncan, Samuel Stitt, and the Synod Treasurer.

Convener—Rev. Dr. Chalmers.
Clerk—Rev. Robert H. Lundie.

II.—Committee on Commissions and Records.

Ministers—Revs. William Campbell, Ballantyne Brodie, William Porteous, James M. McKerrow, Dr. Simpson, Arch. N. Mackray, Thomas Boyd, Dr. Mackay, Dr. McLeod, Hugh T. Howat, James Muir, Dr. Hamilton, Alex. J. Murray, Dr. Boyd, Dr. Edmond, Dr. Drum-

mond, Dr. Grosart, John Sclater, J. Thoburn McGaw, William H. Elliot, James Mackenzie, James S. Rae, William Limont. *Elders*—Messrs. Robert P. J. Simpson, Robert Garden, Dr. A. P. Stewart, Dr. Peter Macpherson, Thomas Bell, C. Kynoch, John M. Leith, G. Y. Mercer, John A. Beith, James Robb, John C. Edgar, Dr. Robert Anderson, James C. Stevenson, M.P., William Melles, Affleck Fraser, W. A. Boulnois, J. R. Robertson, Dr. Leone Levi.

Convener—Rev. Dr. Edmond.
Clerk—Rev. James Muir.

III.—Committee to Suggest Names of Selection Committee.

Ministers—Revs. John Reid, sen., Dr. MacEwan, and William Dinwiddie. *Elders*—Messrs. Samuel Stitt, James Watson (London), George Bell. *Convener*—Mr. Samuel Stitt.

IV.—Committee on Ecclesiastical Status of General Secretary.

Ministers—Revs. Dr. Fraser, W. Rigby Murray, John Thompson, Robert Taylor, Dr. Wright. *Elders*—Messrs. Hugh M. Matheson, R. T. Turnbull, George Duncan, Thomas Hall, and Dr. Leone Levi. *Convener*—Rev. Dr. Fraser; with instructions to report at to-morrow morning's Sederunt.

Manchester Presbytery. The Presbytery of Manchester requested, and the Synod granted, leave to meet to-morrow in the interval between the two Sederunts.

Adjournment. The Synod adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock for the observance of the Lord's Supper, and thereafter for ordinary business; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

Tuesday, April 22nd. *At London, and within Regent Square Church,*
On Tuesday, the 22nd day of April, 1879, *Ten o'clock a.m.*

Constituted. Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with devotional exercises.

The Synod proceeded to the observance of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper; the service being conducted by the Rev. the Moderator, assisted by the Rev. A. J. Murray, Rev. James Towers, and Rev. J. Thoburn McGaw. Lord's Supper.

The solemn service being ended, the Synod proceeded—after an interval of twenty minutes—with its ordinary business.

The Minutes of last evening's Sederunt were read and sustained. Minutes sustained.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Elders' Commissions, which was given in by the Rev. James Muir, Clerk of the Committee, to the effect that, with slight inaccuracies or defects in the case of a few, the Commissions are all substantially valid. Elders' Commissions.

The Synod receive the Report, and sustain all the Commissions.

The Synod resolve—That instruction be given to the Business Committee to bring up a resolution to the effect that in future only such Commissions of Elders as the Clerk reports to be defective shall be remitted to the Committee on Elders' Commissions. Instruction.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Ecclesiastical Status of the General Secretary, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, Convener, to the effect that, without implying any judgment as to the course which should be followed in the case of one, not being a Minister, who might fill the said office at some future period, the Committee recommend that the name of the Rev. John Black should, so long as he is General Secretary to the Church, stand on the Roll of the Presbytery of London, and so pass to the Roll of the Synod. Status of General Secretary.

The Synod receive and adopt the Report, and instruct that Mr. Black's name be added to the Roll.

There was laid on the table and read, an Extract Minute from the Records of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, bearing that the Synod appointed the following as the Synod's Corresponding Members at the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, namely:—Revs. David Croom (Moderator), Professor Cairns, D.D., William France, Adam Lind, John McColl, Hugh Stevenson, James Graham, and James L. Murray, *Ministers;* with Provost Jamieson (Aberdeen), Corresponding Members.

Messrs. Murdock Jeffrey (Stranraer), Kenneth Mathieson (Dunfermline), and Thomas Scott (Kelso), *Elders;* Rev. David Croom, *Convener.*

The Synod receive the Commission, and order the names of these respected brethren to be added to the Roll of the Synod as Corresponding Members. The Moderator welcomes the Corresponding Members; and Mr. France, in their name, makes a suitable response.

Bills and Business.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Bills and Business, which was given in by the Rev. R. H. Lundie, Clerk.

The Synod receive the Report, and resolve to proceed with the business before the House in the order recommended.

Selection Committee.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to suggest the names of the Selection Committee, which was given in by Mr. Samuel Stitt, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and appoint the following as the Selection Committee, namely: — *Ministers* — Revs. Dr. Dykes, Dr. Edmond, Dr. Fraser, Dr. MacEwan, Dr. Wright, Dr. Simpson; Messrs. T. W. Brown, R. H. Lundie, J. Muir, R. Taylor, Wm. McCaw, W. R. Murray, T. Macpherson, J. Reid, Sen., W. McAllan, J. Christie, G. Douglas, A. Cant, J. Bogue, James Blythe. *Elders*— Dr. Levi, Messrs. H. M. Matheson, J. Watson, A. J. Malcolm, S. Stitt, Thos. Holder, J. A. Beith, and J. Robb; Rev. Dr. MacEwan, *Convener.*

The Synod, for special reasons, give permission to this Committee to meet, for a short time, during the present sederunt.

Applications.

The Synod took up Applications; from the Presbytery of Manchester in favour of the Rev. J. T. Lloyd, and from the Presbytery of London in favour of the Rev. Edward Love; to the effect that these brethren be admitted to the Ministry of this Church; from the Rev. John C. Thorp, through the Presbytery of London, to the effect that the restriction imposed by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in England in 1874, which makes him ineligible to another pastoral charge than that of Guernsey, without the sanction of the Synod, be withdrawn; and from the Presbytery of Bristol, to the effect that Mr. George Bennet be taken on trials for License.

The papers in these several Applications were laid on the table, and

the Synod resolved to refer them to a Committee, consisting of the following:—Revs. Principal Lorimer, Robert H. Lundie, James Muir, J. Christie, R. Taylor, R. P. Douglas, W. A. P. Johnman, George Bell, and John Reid, senr., *Ministers;* Messrs. George Duncan, Thomas Holder, R. T. Turnbull, W. Sutton, and A. Connell, *Elders; Convener*—Rev. Principal Lorimer; with instructions that they consider the Applications, and report thereon to a subsequent diet of Synod.

Home Mission.

The Synod called for the Report of the Home Mission Committee, which was laid on the table by the Rev. William McCaw, one of the Joint-Conveners, who at the same time gave in his resignation of the office of Joint-Convener. The other Joint-Convener, the Rev. W. Rigby Murray, addressed the Synod on the subject, and moved the following resolutions, namely:—

Resolutions.

1. The Synod receive the Report, with thanks to the Committee.

2. They are gratified to hear of the progress made by the Church Extension Charges recently planted, and approve the action of the Committee in giving their chief attention, in this department, to the consolidation of work previously begun.

3. They commend Evangelistic work throughout the Church to the continued care of the Committee, and will be glad to find that they are able to give larger development to this branch of their labours. They also recommend Congregations and Presbyteries to co-operate cordially with the Committee in this work, and to make hearty use of any assistance, financial or other, that they may be able to furnish.

4. They renew the expression of their deep concern in regard to the widespread evils connected with the prevalence of Intemperance, earnestly recommend the Ministers of the Church to draw the attention of their Congregations to the subject on the third Sabbath of December, or such other day as may prove convenient, and resolve to petition the Commons House of Parliament in favour of the Sunday Closing Bill under the care of Mr. James C. Stevenson, and recommend Presbyteries, Sessions, and Congregations to do the same.

5. They rejoice that the tension in the funds of this Committee which has prevailed for the last two years is now somewhat relieved, but regret that so small a sum as £2310 7s. 10d. should represent the whole proper revenue of the Fund for the last year. They renew the recommendation of last year, that so important a Fund should not, where it can possibly be avoided, be made dependent on so precarious

a source of revenue as an annual collection, but should, wherever practicable, be provided for by the more steady and productive organisation of Congregational Associations.

6. They approve of the Rules suggested for the conduct of the work of the Committee in the two departments of Church Extension and Evangelisation, and recommend all Presbyteries to appoint Special Committees to act along with the Home Mission Committee in these two departments.

7. In terms of the Committee's recommendation they authorise Presbyteries, in the conduct of Church Extension work, in special cases, with the consent of the Committee, to secure and ordain or induct from the very outset Ministers adapted to the special spheres in which the new charges are respectively proposed to be placed, the Committee being empowered to make grants to such charges in the same way as to those that have been previously sanctioned by the Synod.

8. The Synod also now adopt without reservation the following recommendations of the Committee in regard to the position of Evangelists adopted *ad interim* by the Synod of 1878, viz.:—

(*a.*) That each Session regard it as part of its duty to look out among its own Members or those of the Congregation for suitable Evangelistic Workers, and in all competent ways promote Mission Work within its bounds.

(*b.*) That no Evangelistic Worker be recognised who is not a Member of the Presbyterian Church, recommended by his Session, and approved of by the Presbytery's Evangelistic Committee.

(*c.*) That his recognition be for a period, in the first instance, of not more than three years.

(*d.*) That while labouring in connection with a particular Congregation, he be amenable to its Session, and when labouring more generally in a large town or district he be amenable to the Presbytery of the bounds.

(*e.*) That so far as his status in relation to the government and organisation of the Church is concerned, the Synod pass no specific regulations, but leave each case that arises to be determined on its own merits.

This Motion was seconded.

First Amendment.

It was moved and seconded as an Amendment—That in the fourth

of these resolutions, the clause "and recommend Presbyteries, Sessions, and Congregations to do the same," be deleted.

It was also moved and seconded, as a Second Amendment—That the word "Congregations" in this clause be deleted. Second Amendment.

The Synod proceeded to the Vote—The first question being, whether the first or second Amendment shall be put against the Motion: when it was found that the second was carried by a majority; the second question being whether the Motion or the Amendment so carried shall be the decision of the House; when it was found that the Amendment was carried by a majority. Wherefore the Synod did and hereby do delete the word "Congregations" in the last clause of the fourth resolution. Finding.

It was also moved, and seconded, as an Amendment on the seventh of the resolutions, that said Resolution stand thus—They authorise Presbyteries in the conduct of Church Extension Work in special cases to secure and ordain or induct from the very outset Ministers adapted to special localities where the formation of charges has been sanctioned by the Synod. Amendment.

The Synod proceeded to the Vote—the state thereof being Motion or Amendment—when votes being counted, the Amendment was found to be carried by a majority. Wherefore the Synod did and hereby do decide in terms of the Amendment. Finding.

It was still further moved and seconded, as an Amendment on the eighth resolution—That the Synod remit this resolution with the clauses embraced under it to a special Committee, with instructions to report to next Synod. Amendment accepted.

The mover and seconder of the resolution, with consent of the House, accepted the Amendment. Wherefore, said resolution is remitted to the consideration of a Committee, to be named by the Selection Committee.

With these alterations, the Synod adopted the Resolutions submitted to the House.

The Synod resolve—That they cannot receive the resignation of the Rev. W. McCaw without availing themselves of the opportunity of recording their deep sense of the value of his services in the long period of twenty-six years during which he has held the Office of Secretary and Convener, or Joint-Convener, of the Home Mission Committee, first in the Presbyterian Church in England, and latterly in the Presbyterian Thanks to Rev. W. McCaw.

Church of England. The width of his information on the subject of the Home Mission, the fulness of his acquaintance with the methods adopted by the Committee, the depth of his interest in the work of the Mission, and the agreeableness of his modes of carrying on its business, call for the warmest recognition of the Synod.

They trust that the seed which Mr. McCaw has been active for so long a time in sowing may yet yield abundant fruit to the glory of God, and that he may long be spared in continued enjoyment of the confidence and affection of his brethren to serve the Church to which his life and labours have been given.

The thanks of the Synod were formally conveyed to Mr. McCaw by the Moderator.

Overture on Evangelistic Work.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Bristol anent Evangelistic Work.

The Overture having been read, the Rev. John More appeared in support thereof.

The Synod resolve that the Overture be remitted to the special Committee appointed in connection with the Home Mission deliverance, with instructions to consider it and report to next Synod.

Presbytery of Northumberland.

The Presbytery of Northumberland craved and obtained leave to meet to-morrow during the interval.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned to meet again this evening at Six o'clock; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

Tuesday, April 22nd.

At London, and within Regent Square Church,
On Tuesday, the 22nd day of April, 1879, Six o'clock p.m.

Constituted.

Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Jewish Mission.

The Synod called for the Report of the Jewish Mission Committee, which was given in by the Rev. Robert Taylor, Convener, who addressed the House on the subject.

On the Convener's Motion the Synod receive the Report; hear with satisfaction that their esteemed missionary, Mr. Meyer, has been enabled to conduct his work in the East of London with the same zeal, energy, and prayerful trust in the Lord as heretofore; give thanks to the God of Israel for the measure of blessing that has rested on the work, as shown by the spirit of inquiry awakened in not a few, by the grace given to some to receive and confess Jesus as their Saviour and Lord, and by the constancy and spiritual growth of most of the converts of former years.

Further, the Synod approve of the action of the Committee in employing in temporary service among Jews at home a labourer so well accredited as Dr. Joseffy; sanction his appointment, as recommended in this Report, and on the ground therein set forth, to labour as a Missionary Agent of this Church among the Jews in Vienna, and hereby authorise their Committee to make all needful arrangements for commencing and carrying on this work.

The Synod regret to learn that so many Congregations have failed as yet to make the collection for the Jewish Mission appointed to be made in January last; and they urge the office-bearers of these Congregations to give them an early opportunity of showing their interest in this Mission to Israel by making an offering on its behalf.

And, finally, the Synod being duly persuaded that the prayers of the Church are the strength of our Missionaries, do earnestly and affectionately commend this work and the beloved brethren who conduct it to the sympathy and prayers of the whole Church.

Dr. Joseffy.

The Synod was then addressed by Dr. Joseffy, designated to Jewish Mission work in Vienna; and special prayer was offered by the Synod for the Divine blessing on his Christian enterprise—their devotions being led by the Rev. George Elder.

Business Committee.

A Supplementary Report from the Business Committee was submitted by the Convener, which Report was adopted by the House.

Dr. Grosart's Lectures.

Dr. Dykes, on behalf of Mr. J. M. Leitch, intimated to the Synod that by a few friends a copy of Dr. Grosart's Lectures at the College, entitled *Representative Nonconformists*, is presented to each Ministerial Member of the House—a gift which is gratefully accepted.

Foreign Missions.

The Synod called for the Report of the Foreign Missions Committee,

which was given in by Mr. Hugh M. Matheson, Convener, who addressed the House in regard to it.

Mr. John Bell, the late Treasurer, referred to the financial state of the Mission.

On the Motion of the Convener, the Synod receive the report, and are thankful to hear that, notwithstanding the short-handed state of the Mission, all departments of the work in China have been conducted with energy and zeal, and not without tokens of the Divine favour and blessing.

The Synod deplore the withdrawal from the field of the Rev. John Rutherford, B.D., the state of his health not admitting of his remaining in South China.

In consequence of the steady progress of the work, both in the Amoy and in the Swatow district, and the increasing demands of the training institutions, as well as of the work of superintending the stations and the workers, there is urgent need for additions to the mission staff at both these centres; and the Synod earnestly commend the claims of the mission field to the attention of the younger ministers and students of the Church.

They rejoice to hear of the formation of the Women's Missionary Association, for promoting mission work among women, in the fields occupied by the Church's missions; and they commend the Association to the Congregations throughout the Church, with the recommendation that auxiliary associations may be formed in each locality.

The Synod hear with much satisfaction of the work being done by Dr. Morison and his native coadjutor in the mission at Rampore Bauleah in Bengal, and sanction the Committee's proposal to embrace in future the income and expenditure of the mission in the General Fund for Foreign Missions.

Rev. H. L. Mackenzie and Robert Gordon.

The Synod then welcomed the Rev. H. L. Mackenzie, Missionary from Swatow, and the Rev. Robert Gordon, of Amoy, who have just returned from China, and these brethren addressed the Synod on the work of their Mission in the heathen field.

The Synod was further addressed by the Rev. Dr. Cairns, Corresponding Member from the United Presbyterian Church, on the Foreign Mission enterprise.

Presbytery of Bristol.

The Presbytery of Bristol craved and obtained leave to meet to-morrow during the interval.

The Synod adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer. Adjournment.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

At London, and within Regent Square Church,
On Wednesday, the 23rd day of April, 1879, Ten o'clock a.m. Wednesday, April, 23rd.

Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer. Constituted.

The Minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were read and sustained. Minutes sustained.

The Business Committee gave in a supplementary Report, which the Synod adopted. Business Committee.

The Synod called for the Report of the Commission appointed by last Synod in the case of Leeds, which was given in by the Rev. R. H. Lundie, Convener, to the effect that, after visiting Leeds and conferring with the Office-bearers of the St. Columba and Hanover Square Churches, they sanctioned the site selected by the latter Congregation. Leeds Commission.

The Synod receive the Report of the Commission.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Reorganisation of the Standing Committees of the Church, which was given in by Mr. Samuel Stitt, Convener, who moved as follows:— Reorganisation Committee.

I.—That the following Amalgamations of Committees be made:— Resolutions.

1. The Home Mission (so far as Church Extension and Evangelistic Work are concerned) with the Church Building and Debt Extinction and the Sabbath Schools Committees, under the common name of the Home Mission Committee.
2. The Committee on Intercourse with other Churches with that on Continental Work, taking the name of the former.

3. The Committee on the Sustentation Fund with those on the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund and the Ministers' Widows and Orphans Fund, under the name of the Committee on Ministerial Support.
4. The College with the Schools Committee, under the name of the College and Schools Committee.

II.—That it is unnecessary to continue in the list of Standing Committees those on Christian Giving and Statistics, but that the Synod request Dr. Levi to continue his valuable services as Statist of this Church.

III.—That the other Synodical Standing Committees be the following, viz.:—

1. Foreign Missions Committee.
2. Jewish Mission Committee.
3. Law and Historical Documents.
4. Publications Committee.
5. General Purposes Committee.
6. Treasurership Committee.
7. Distribution of Probationers Committee.

[Those on the Union Thanksgiving Fund, Presbyterian Soldiers and Sailors, and Lapsed Presbyterians, being regarded as in their nature special and temporary.]

IV.—That the composition of those Committees be severally as follows, with, as far as possible, an equal proportion of Ministers and private members, viz.:—

1. All the Committees, except the last three on the list, to consist of—
   (*a*) The Moderator and Clerk of Synod, and the General Secretary;
   (*b*) Eighteen members separately selected for each Committee by the Synod, of whom one-third shall retire annually, half the retiring members to be eligible for re-election, and to be nominated for that purpose by their respective Committees;
   (*c*) Presbytery Representatives to be elected by their respective Presbyteries in the proportion of one for each fifteen regular charges within the bounds—the names of those thus elected to be forwarded to the General Secretary before the Third Monday in June.

2. The General Purposes Committee to consist of the Officials of the Synod and of the Synodical Standing Committees, together with the Presbytery Representatives.
3. The Treasurership Committee, and that on Distribution of Probationers, to be wholly nominated by the Synod.

V.—That the travelling expenses of the Members of the Aggregate Meetings shall be paid out of funds derived from the Funds of the Synod's Committees respectively, at the same rate as Members are paid when attending Synod.

VI.—That the Aggregate Meetings of all the Committees be held in London quarterly, in the weeks commencing on the fourth Mondays of March, June, September, and December respectively.

This Motion was seconded.

First Amendment. It was moved and seconded, as an Amendment in regard to the 1st Clause—That the recommendation to amalgamate the Home Mission, Church Building, and Sabbath School Committees be not adopted.

Second Amendment. It was moved and seconded, as a second Amendment on said Clause —That the amalgamation of the Sabbath School Committee with the Home Mission and Church Building Committees is not expedient.

Finding. The Synod proceeded to the Vote—The first question being, whether the first or second Amendment shall be put against the Motion, when it was found that the second Amendment was carried; the second question being, whether the Motion or the Amendment so carried shall be the decision of the Synod, when it was found that the Motion was carried by a majority. Wherefore the Synod did, and hereby do, resolve in terms of said Clause.

Committee reappointed. The Synod therefore adopt the series of resolutions; and reappoint the Committee with a view of securing that the arrangements indicated be carried into effect.

Sustentation Fund. The Synod called for the Report of the Sustentation Fund Committee, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, one of the Conveners, who addressed the Synod on the subject, and moved the following resolutions—

Resolutions. 1. That the Synod receive the Report, with thanks to the Committee.

2. Approve the course taken by the Committee in regard to the special cases remitted to it by last Synod.

3. Approve the three additional regulations now proposed for adoption by the Committee, and adopt the draft of Consolidated Act, embodying these, as the Sustentation Fund Act of this Church, as follows :—

Name. I.—That the Committee charged with securing a minimum stipend for this Church be designated the Sustentation Committee, and the Fund raised for this purpose the Sustentation Fund.

Association. II.—That the Sustentation Committee take such steps as may be necessary for securing the formation of a special organisation in each Congregation of the Church for the support of the Sustentation Fund, such special organisation being hereinafter described as the Sustentation Fund Association; and that the Committee use every prudent and constitutional means to bring the practice of all the Congregations, with respect to the support of the ministry and maintenance and use of the Fund, into as uniform a state as practicable.

Return. III.—That each Congregation make a return to the Committee of the amount raised by the Sustentation Fund Association distinct from ordinary revenue.

Equal Dividend Platform. IV.—That Congregations shall be placed on the equal dividend platform, when the sums they severally propose to contribute to the Sustentation Fund shall have been approved by the Presbytery of the bounds and the Committee. Further, that a re-arrangement be made with every Congregation on its becoming vacant, and that no step shall be taken for the filling up of the vacancy till this shall have been done.

Aid-receiving Congregations. V.—That the following be the regulations in regard to aid-receiving Congregations, viz. :—

Minimum Basis. 1. That no Congregation be placed on the equal dividend platform unless it agrees to remit to the Fund at least one-half of the equal dividend.

Congregations in Large Centres. 2. That Congregations which in the judgment of the Committee occupy positions in which they might fairly be expected to be self-sustaining, shall not have claim to be on the equal dividend platform as aid-receiving unless under special instructions from the Synod.

Contributions 3. That every Congregation shall be required to send up to the Central Fund, in addition to what is raised by its Association, the proceeds of all church-door collections for support of ordinances, together with the seat-rents, after paying the usual Congregational expenses.

Organisation. 4. That the organisation in any Congregation be not deemed satisfactory till—

(1.) A periodical opportunity is afforded to the Congregation of contributing to the Fund through its Association, which it is desirable should, if possible, be monthly.

(2.) A large percentage on the membership are contributors.

(3.) The total amount paid in to the Central Fund from all sources reaches a minimum of 12s. per annum on the membership, of which sum it is desirable that not less than a ratio of one penny per week on the membership be raised by the Association.

Supplements.

5. That it be not lawful for any such aid-receiving Congregation to pay to their Minister a supplement.

Lady Hewley Funds, &c.

6. That Congregations obtaining grants from the Lady Hewley Trust, or other sources, which cannot be paid in to the Sustentation Fund, shall, after correct returns have been made to the Committee, receive the equal dividend, minus the amount of such funds, in so far as they go towards the Minister's stipend; the object of the Sustentation Fund being not to supersede such special sources of revenue, but to raise the total income of Ministers to a given minimum stipend.

Number of Charges received in one year.

7. That the Synod determine each year the number of charges to be raised to the platform of the equal dividend in the course of the ensuing twelve months, so as to obviate the risk of the Funds being subjected to an undue pressure in any one year, and the consequent sudden depression of the equal dividend.

Promise not fulfilled.

8. That in the event of any Congregation failing to fulfil its engagement towards the Fund, the Committee shall deal with that Congregation directly, and through the Presbytery, and, if necessary, bring the case before the Synod, which shall, if it see cause, remove the Congregation from the equal dividend platform.

Congregations not on Equal Dividend Platform.

9. That all aid-receiving Congregations not on the equal dividend platform be dealt with by the Sustentation Fund Committee, so as most effectually to develop their respective resources, by means of a direct grant on a given basis to make up a certain amount, and an additional grant of one-half more on any increase of their contributions until the amount of the equal dividend is reached; but that such additional grant shall be subject to the same limitation as applies to the equal dividend, that no Congregation shall receive more than double the sum remitted by it. Further, that all contributions toward stipend be sent to the

Sustentation Fund, as in the case of other aid-receiving Congregations.

Vacancies. Weak Congregations.

10. That in the event of Congregations becoming vacant whose contributions have not yet become sufficient to enable them to be placed upon the equal dividend platform, no new settlement shall take place without the due consideration by the Presbytery of the bounds of the necessity for retaining such Congregations in the position of separate and regular charges, nor, in the event of their judging this to be necessary, without the concurrence of the Sustentation Fund Committee in that judgment; cases of difficulty to be referred to the Synod.

Vacancies. Unnecessary Congregations.

11. That in the event of the occurrence of a vacancy in an aid-receiving Congregation situated in the immediate neighbourhood of one or more other Congregations, the Presbytery within whose bounds such Congregation is situated shall not proceed to a settlement of a new Minister without prior consultation and agreement with the Sustentation Committee in regard to the necessity for retaining such Congregation as a separate and independent charge, and, if it shall seem expedient, the use of all prudent means to effect a union between the vacant Congregation and a neighbouring one; cases of difficulty to be referred to the Synod.

Statements of Accounts.

12. That every Congregation be required to furnish the Committee with an annual statement of its accounts duly certified by the Presbytery of the bounds.

Self-sustaining and Aid-giving Congregations.

VI.—That the following be the regulations in regard to self-sustaining and aid-giving Congregations, viz:—

Minimum Contributions.

1. That the minimum contributions from all sources which such Congregations be expected and encouraged to send to the Sustentation Fund, shall be adjusted by negotiation between the Committee and each Congregation, subject to the sanction of the Presbytery, on a common basis applicable to the whole Church.

Payments from ordinary Revenue.

2. That so long as the proceeds of Sustentation Fund Associations fall short of the sum so fixed, Deacons' Courts and Committees of Management be urged to make a payment to the Fund out of their ordinary revenue.

Adjustment of amount.

3. That said payment do not exceed in any case the amount of the equal dividend, but shall be subject on the other hand to all reasonable deductions, as, for example, where local revenue has fallen off since the Sustentation Fund has been started, or where exceptionally heavy charges of any kind fall upon local funds.

4. That in seeking to bring Congregations into harmony with those arrangements, the Committee shall deal in detail with the circumstances of each case, and shall make its appeal only to the generosity and sense of duty to the whole Church which ought to characterise all our people. Spirit of negotiation.

5. That where Congregations simply send the proceeds of Associations or other contributions to the Fund without receiving the equal dividend from it, but pay their Ministers their entire stipends out of their Congregational funds, said payments shall be duly reported to the Committee, and the Congregations credited and debited in the Committee's books with the amount of the equal dividend. Non-participating Congregations.

6. That where, on the other hand, the Minister participates in the equal dividend, but receives in addition a supplement out of the Congregational funds, Congregations be recommended, in the case of future settlements, in order to avoid complication from the rise or fall of the equal dividend, to make their arrangements so that the total stipend shall be understood to consist of the equal dividend *plus* the supplement allowed, the fixed sum being thus the amount of supplement rather than the total stipend. Arrangements with Ministers.

VII.—That any surplus beyond the minimum stipend aimed at be distributed in such a way as to stimulate Congregations to an increase of contributions to the Sustentation Fund. Surplus Funds.

VIII.—That Presbyteries shall not grant Moderation in a Call to a colleague in the case of any Congregation receiving aid from the Sustentation Fund without consultation and agreement with the Sustentation Committee, with a view to the protection of the interests of the Fund; cases of difficulty to be referred to the Synod. Further, that in the case of collegiate charges on the equal dividend platform, one dividend only be paid to each. Collegiate Charges.

IX.—That all Church Extension charges which require extraordinary aid for a time, be placed under the care of the Home Mission Committee, until the period for such aid expire; that they then be dealt with by the Sustentation Fund Committee according to the foregoing regulations. Church Extension Charges.

X.—That donations and legacies be solicited for the Fund. Donations and Legacies.

4. Determine that not more than three additional charges shall be admitted to the Fund during the ensuing year.

At this stage, the hour of One o'clock having arrived, the Synod adjourned the further consideration of the Report, and proceeded to the Petition of Mr. J. M. Ross.

order of the day for this hour, namely, taking up the Petition of the Rev. John M. Ross, with relative Overture from the Presbytery of Berwick.

The Petition being printed and in the hands of the Members, was taken as read, and Mr. Ross was heard in regard thereto.

The Overture having been read, was supported by the Rev. Peter Valence.

The Synod resolve to refer the Petition, with the relative Overture, to a Committee, who shall be instructed to confer with Mr. Ross, and to present a report, embodying a definite recommendation for the settlement of this matter; the Committee to consist of the following members:—Revs. Dr. MacEwan, Dr. White, Dr. Edmond, G. Carlyle, George Johnstone, A. M. Symington, Peter Valence, John Reid, Sen., James Fettes, Dr. Boyd, Robert Taylor, Dr. Dykes, Dr. Chalmers, Dr. Fraser, George Bell, A. J. Murray, *Ministers;* Messrs. J. C. Stevenson, S. Stitt, G. B. Bruce, W. Carruthers, A. Fraser, C. Kynoch, J. S. Ness, R. Morton, T. Holder, Dr. L. Levi, R. Wales, *Elders;* Rev. Dr. MacEwan, *Convener.*

The Synod instruct this Committee to meet at once, and, if possible, to bring in their Report in half-an-hour.

Site of Manse.

The Synod took up an Application from the Presbytery of Carlisle, asking permission to sell the present Manse site at Workington, it being understood that the proceeds shall be applied to the purchase of a site in another part of the town.

The Application having been read, the Rev. James Christie was heard in support of it.

The Synod receive and grant the Application.

Distribution of Probationers.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Distribution of Probationers, which was given in by the Rev. James Muir, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, adopt certain of its recommendations, and reserve the further consideration till another occasion.

J. M. Ross.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the Petition of the Rev. John M. Ross, which was given in by Dr. MacEwan, Convener, in these terms:—The Committee recommend that the Synod, waving any judgment on the representations and claims

contained in Mr Ross's Petition, shall, in consideration of the loss of office and emolument suffered by him through the alteration made by last Synod in the arrangements for the conduct of the Church's business, and in consideration of his previous services, allow to Mr. Ross a Retiring Pension of Two Hundred Pounds *per annum*, for life, charged on the Sustentation Fund.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation be adopted.

It was moved and seconded as an Amendment, that the further consideration of the question be deferred till to-morrow morning's Sederunt.

The Synod resolve to go to the Vote, when it was found that only eleven voted for the Amendment. Wherefore the Synod did, and hereby do, resolve in terms of the Motion.

Mr. Ross appeared, and stated his acquiescence in the Synod's deliverance.

Overture on Intemperance.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Berwick on the subject of Intemperance.

The Overture having been read, the Rev. Mr. Smith and Mr. Willits were heard in support of it.

The Synod agree, in terms of the Overture, to send down the whole subject to Presbyteries and Sessions, recommending them to meet for conference and prayer in connection with this great evil, and to send up any suggestions they may deem fit to the Committee on Intemperance, which is hereby appointed, with instructions to report to the Synod, the Committee to be named by the Selection Committee.

Sustentation Fund.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Sustentation Fund Report, when the Motion previously submitted was seconded, and adopted by the House.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned to meet again at Six o'clock in the Evening; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

Wednesday, April 23rd.

At London, and within Regent Square Church,
On Wednesday, the 23rd day of April, 1879, *Six o'clock p.m.*

Constituted. Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with devotional exercises.

Sabbath Schools. The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, which was given in by Mr. James Robb, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, with thanks to the Committee for their diligence. The Synod address Congregations, calling their attention to the importance and necessity of providing more suitable School accommodation as means and opportunity permit, and instruct the Home Mission Committee to have regard to School accommodation and Class-rooms in plans submitted by Congregations asking grants in aid of building.

Thanksgiving Fund. The Synod called for the Report of the Thanksgiving Fund Committee, which was submitted by Mr. Samuel Stitt, Convener.

The Synod approve and adopt the Report, and express their satisfaction with the progress made during the year, cherishing the hope that with returning commercial prosperity the hopes of raising the amount originally contemplated may be fully realised; express their gratitude for the benefits already resulting to the Church, especially in the reduction of debt on weak Churches; and in re-appointing the Committee, authorise it to expend the funds which may be available this year in the further work of debt reduction.

Continental Work. The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Continental Work, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Wright, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and tender their thanks to the Committee.

Deputations. Belgian Church. The Synod proceeded to receive Deputations from Sister Churches.

There was laid on the table a Commission from the Evangelical Society of Belgium, in favour of M. L. Anet, Pastor, as a Deputy to the

Synod, and conveying the Christian salutations of the Society to the brethren of this Church.

M. Anet, being present, was introduced by the Rev. R. H. Lundie, and addressed the Synod.

Free Church.

There was laid on the table and read an Extract Minute from the Records of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, expressive of the lively interest which that Church continues to take in the position and progress of this Church, and specially of their anxiety that members of their Church passing from Scotland to England should in all instances receive letters of introduction to Ministers in the English Church.

There was read also an Extract from the Records of the Assembly Arrangements Committee, appointing, by authority of the Assembly, as a Deputation to this Synod, the Rev. Andrew A. Bonar, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly, and the Rev. Sir H. Wellwood Moncreiff, Bart., D.D., *Ministers;* and Mr. Thomas Binnie and Mr. James Stevenson, *Ruling Elders.*

These respected brethren being present, were introduced by Dr. Chalmers, and successively addressed the Synod.

Irish Presbyterian Church.

There were read two Extract Minutes from the Records of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland; the one conveying to this Church an expression of their cordial congratulations, and the other appointing as a Deputation to this Synod the Rev. John Kinnear, D.D., Minister at Letterkenny; the Rev. William Todd Martin, Minister at Newtonards; and the Rev. John C. Moore, Minister at Connor; with Mr. Thomas A. Dickson, M.P., Dungannon; Sir Thomas McClure, Bart., V.L., Belfast; Mr. Thomas McElderry, Ballymoney; and Mr. Hugh Morrison, J.P., Moneydig, *Elders.*

Dr. Kinnear, Mr. Martin, Sir Thomas McClure, and Mr. McElderry being present, were introduced by the Rev J. B. Dougherty, and addressed the House.

Finding.

The Synod give a cordial welcome to the Deputy from the Belgian Church, to the Deputies from the Free Church of Scotland and the Irish Presbyterian Church; record their most heartfelt appreciation of the salutation and brotherly sympathy of the several Churches they represent; thank them sincerely for the eloquent and earnest addresses they have

delivered, and desire to convey through them to their respective Churches the Synod's warm and fraternal greetings.

The Moderator addressed the several Deputations in terms of brotherly kindness.

Rev. A. F. Douglas.

There was laid on the table an Application, through the Committee on Bills, by the Rev. A. F. Douglas, formerly of Alnwick, and recently of the Presbyterian Church, New Zealand, to be re-admitted to the ministry of this Church.

The Synod resolve that it is necessary only for Mr. Douglas to lay his Credentials on the table of any Presbytery of the Church, in order to attain the end he has in view.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

Thursday, April 24th.

At London, and within Regent Square Church,
On Thursday, the 24th day of April, 1879, *Ten o'clock a.m.*

Constituted.

Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Minutes sustained.

The Minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were read and sustained.

Presbyterian Soldiers.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Oversight of Presbyterian Soldiers and Sailors, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Wright, Convener; on whose Motion the Synod receive and adopt the Report, and reappoint a Committee, the Selection Committee to suggest the names.

Haltwhistle.

The Synod took up a Reference from the Sustentation Fund Committee as to whether the Congregation at Haltwhistle, now vacant, should be retained as a separate and regular charge. The Reference was stated by the General Secretary. The Synod sustain the Reference,

and resolve to delay the settlement of a Minister at Haltwhistle meanwhile.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of London, in regard to the eligibility to charges in this Church of Ministers of all Presbyterian Churches whose centre of operations is within the British Empire, and whose Doctrinal Standard is the Westminster Confession of Faith. Overture on Eligibility.

The Overture having been read, the Rev. Dr. Wright was heard in support thereof.

The hour of Twelve o'clock having now arrived, and the Order of the Day at this hour being a Conference on the Selection of a Moderator for next Synod, and of the place of Meeting, the Synod postponed the further consideration of this Overture till Seven o'clock this Evening. Selection of Moderator.

The Synod resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to confer in regard to the choice of a Moderator for next Meeting of Synod.

After Conference the Synod resumed in open Court.

The Clerk reported the result of the Conference.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the Synod meet next year in Marylebone Church, London, and that the Rev. Donald Fraser, D.D., be chosen to occupy the Chair at the Meeting.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the College, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener. The Report of the College Trustees was given in by Mr. John Johnstone. College.

On the Motion of the Convener, the Synod receive the Report, with thanks to the Committee; approve the arrangements made for the conduct of the Barbour Chair during last Session.

Approve also of the sum which has been attached as honorarium to the office of Principal.

Renew their instructions to the Committee to consider the subject of the visitation of the College, and report to next Synod whether it is advisable that any change be made in the 5th article of the Constitution.

And, meanwhile, instruct the Senatus to report to the Synod from year to year on the matters which fall within its province.

The Synod proceeded to consider the question of the election of a Professor for the Barbour Chair. Barbour Chair.

There were laid on the table and read Overtures from the Presbyteries of Liverpool, Birmingham, and Northumberland, proposing delay in making such appointment. The first two Overtures were supported by the Rev. George Johnstone and Rev. J. B. Dougherty respectively.

Deliverances of the Presbyteries of Berwick, London, Manchester, and Darlington were read: the first naming the Rev. Gavin Carlyle, M.A., and the Rev. William Graham; the second naming the Rev. F. L. Patton, D.D., of Chicago; the third naming the Rev. William Graham and the Rev. Alexander MacLeod, D.D.; and the fourth naming the Rev. Marcus Dods, D.D., as gentlemen qualified for the Barbour Professorship.

The names of Dr. Graham, Dr. MacLeod, and Dr. Dods were, at their own special desire, withdrawn.

First Motion. It was moved and seconded—That the Synod make choice of the Rev. Professor Francis L. Patton, D.D., of Chicago, to fill the Barbour Chair in the College, with the subjects already assigned thereto, and the emoluments provided by the Endowment (being not less than £500 per annum); but in view of the fact that Dr. Patton's income from the public positions which he holds at present, is understood to be much larger than the Barbour Endowment affords, remit to the College Committee in conjunction with the Presbytery of London to arrange a plan by which, through a Lectureship, or some partial employment of Dr. Patton's powers as a preacher, or in some similar way, an additional sum of at least £300 per annum may be secured to him; giving to the College Committee and the Presbytery of London conjointly full powers to act in this matter for the Synod—it being understood that this additional sum shall not be a charge on the ordinary College Fund.

Further, the Synod instruct the College Committee, in the event of this proposal failing to meet the acceptance of Dr. Patton, to make interim arrangements for the teaching of those branches which are assigned to the Barbour Chair, as in the past two years.

Adjournment. The hour of adjournment having now arrived, the Synod postponed the further consideration of the subject till the evening; and adjourned to meet again at Six o'clock, of which public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

At London, and within Regent Square Church,
On Thursday, the 24th day of April, 1879, *Six o'clock p.m.*

Thursday, April 24th.

The Synod did again convene, and was constituted with devotional exercises. Constituted.

There was laid on the table, by the Rev. Dr. Chalmers, Moderator of last Synod, the Report of the Members of the Synod of 1878 appointed to represent this Church in the Council of the Federated Churches. Council.

The Synod receive the Report, and resolve that it be printed with the Reports and referred to the Committee on Intercourse with Other Churches, with instructions to consider it and report to next Synod.

The Synod resumed consideration of the question of the Appointment of a Professor to the Barbour Chair. Barbour Chair.

It was moved and seconded as a second Motion—Considering the difficulty which has been found in fixing upon a Professor to occupy the Barbour Chair, and the success which has attended the temporary expedient of supplying the Chair by Lecturers from year to year, the Synod are of opinion that the munificent endowment might be made most effective for the interests of the Church if applied to the maintaining of Lectureships permanently; therefore direct that the Chair be supplied this year by Lecturers as in the two past years, and instruct the College Committee—1. To ask the consent of the generous founder to this arrangement, which it is believed would be cordially given; and 2. To ripen a plan for the adoption of next Synod by which the permanent Lectureships may be regulated.

The Synod resolved to go to the Vote; the first question put was— *Proceed* to make an appointment to the Barbour Chair, or *delay;* when, the votes being counted, the Synod by a large majority voted *Proceed.* The second question was—Make choice, in terms of the first Motion, of the Rev. Dr. Patton; when the Synod decided unanimously in terms of the said Motion. Finding.

Eligibility.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Overture on Eligibility from the London Presbytery.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to—That as it now appears that the purport of the Overture has been extensively misconceived, the Synod resolve to pass therefrom.

Intercourse with other Churches.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Intercourse with Other Churches, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and reappoint a Committee, to be named by the Selection Committee.

Distribution of Probationers.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Distribution of Probationers; when the recommendations in said Report, not yet accepted, were approved of.

The Synod now therefore adopt the Report, and resolve that the Rules therein suggested—see certified Report hereto appended—come into force forthwith; it being provided that Probationers and Ministers who have been on the Roll since the date of Union shall remain on Roll No. I. for other two years. Further, the Synod instruct that the Roll henceforth lie at the Offices of the Church, and that all Applications for Supply be made to the General Secretary.

Applications.

The Report of the Committee on Applications was called for, and was submitted by the Rev. Principal Lorimer, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and, in terms thereof, authorise the Presbytery of Manchester to admit the Rev. John T. Lloyd, and the Presbytery of London to admit the Rev. Edward Love, to the Ministry of this Church; and authorise the Presbytery of Bristol to take Mr. George Bennet on Trial for License.

Selection Committee.

The Synod called for the Report of the Selection Committee, which was given in by Dr. MacEwan, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report.

In selecting members for the various Committees the Synod adhere as far as possible to the lines of former action in this matter, and are guided by the following general principles:—

1. That the same persons be not appointed to more than three of the Standing Committees.

2. That as far as possible parity of ministers and private members be observed; and

3. That the same person shall not be Convener of more than one Committee.

The Synod appoint the following Committees for the ensuing year, namely:—(See Appendix.)

The Synod instruct the Clerk to furnish the Presbyteries without delay with a copy of the Synod's findings on the reorganisation of Committees, and with a list of the several Committees now appointed, in order that they may appoint their representatives.

Presbyteries are enjoined so to arrange their representation as not to involve greater expense than hitherto.

Further, in terms of the Selection Committee's Report, the Synod appoint the following:— Deputations.

Corresponding Members to the United Presbyterian Synod:—

Ministers—The Rev. the Moderator, Dr. Morison, Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Edmond, Dr. MacEwan, W. McCaw, John Matheson, John Parker, Robert Gordon of Amoy. *Elders*—Messrs. Thomas Holder, William Sutton, and Rev. Dr. John Bruce.

Deputies to the Synod of the Church of Scotland in England:—

Ministers—Revs. Dr. Boyd and Dr. Davidson. *Elder*—Mr. G. B. Bruce.

Deputies to the Free Church of Scotland:—

Ministers—The Rev. the Moderator, Rev. H. L. Mackenzie of Swatow. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas Bell.

Deputies to the Irish Presbyterian Church:—

Ministers—Revs. Dr. Grosart, and Wm. Campbell of Formosa. *Elder*—Mr. John C. Edgar.

Deputies to the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church:—

Ministers—Revs. Dr. Dykes and R. H. Lundie. *Elder*—Mr. Samuel Smith.

Deputies to the Evangelical Churches of Belgium, France, and Italy:—

The Synod empower the Clerk to furnish Commissions to one or two

brethren to visit the Evangelical Churches of Belgium, France, and Italy, the names of the brethren to be furnished by the Committee on Intercourse with Other Churches.

Synodical Arrangements.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of London on Synodical Arrangements.

The Overture having been read, was supported by the Rev. Dr. Moore.

The Synod receive the Overture, recognise the importance of the subject indicated, and refer to the Law and Historical Documents Committee, to consider whether, in revising the Standing Orders of the Synod, some provisions could not be introduced that would better secure economy of time in conjunction with full discussion of important matters and despatch of business.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock; whereof public intimation having been made, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

Friday, April 25th.

At London, and within Regent Square Church,
On Friday, the 25th day of April, 1879, *Ten o'clock a.m.*

Constituted.

Which time and place the Synod did again convene, and was constituted with praise, reading of the Word, and prayer.

Minutes sustained.

The Minutes of yesterday's Sederunts were read and sustained.

Business Committee.

The Business Committee gave in a final Report, which was adopted by the Synod.

Welsh Deputation.

The Synod proceeded to receive a Deputation from the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church.

There was read an Extract Minute from the Records of the General Assembly of that Church, expressive of their cordial Christian regards to

this; and of their intention to nominate a Committee to correspond with the Presbyterian Church of England; and appointing the Rev. Lewis Edwards, D.D., Professor of Divinity and Principal of Bala College; Rev. Richard Lumley, Minister at Egremont; Mr. Richard Davies, M.P. for Anglesey; and Alderman Thomas Phillips, Swansea, Elders; as a Deputation to this Synod.

Owing to special unavoidable circumstances, the only Member of the Deputation present was Mr. Richard Davies; but there appeared jointly with him Mr. John Roberts, M.P. for Flintshire Boroughs, and the Rev. D. C. Davies, M.A., London.

These brethren successively addressed the Synod.

The Synod welcome with great satisfaction the visit of the Delegates from the General Assembly of the Calvinistic Methodist Church of Wales, and thank these esteemed brethren for their addresses.

The Synod reciprocate very heartily the desire expressed by their Welsh brethren for a closer co-operation between the two Churches, and instruct the Committee on Intercourse with Other Churches to correspond with the Committee which the Welsh Church has promised to appoint, with a view to report to next Synod whether any practical steps can be taken to bring the Churches into closer relations.

The Moderator addressed the Deputation in terms of brotherly kindness.

Christian Giving.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Christian Giving, which was given in by the Rev. Dr. Mackay, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report; re-appoint the Committee; renew the expression of their sense of the great importance of this subject; strongly recommend that it be statedly and earnestly dealt with by Ministers in the pulpit, that one discourse at least be devoted to it during the coming year; renew their recommendation that Presbyteries and Sessions and Deacons' Courts have Conferences regarding it; and instruct the Committee to send Deputies to visit Presbyteries and Congregations, in order to awaken a deeper interest in this vital question, it being understood that wherever it is possible the expenses of such Deputations be met locally, and that the charge on the Church's Fund do not exceed the amount of Fifty Pounds.

Lapsed Presbyterians.

The Report of the Committee on Lapsed Presbyterians was called for, and was submitted by the Rev. Dr. White, Convener.

The Synod accept the Report; suggest a Conference of Ministers or Members from the Presbyterian Churches in England, Scotland, and Ireland, to be held in some central place, to consider the whole subject; appoint the following Committee to carry out the foregoing suggestion, namely—(See Appendix); and instruct the Deputations from this Synod to the Churches in Scotland and Ireland to bring the matter *prominently* before the Churches at whose Assemblies they shall be commissioned to appear.

Widows and Orphans Fund

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Ministers' Widows and Orphans Fund, which was given in by the Rev. Thomas W. Brown, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report; record their thankfulness for the continued prosperity of the Fund, and especially for the fact that hitherto the expenditure on account of annuities has been comparatively small; rejoice that so many Ministers formerly of the United Presbyterian Church have joined the Fund, in pursuance of the deliverance of last year; regret, however, that, in consequence of the general depression, it has been impossible to obtain the additional capital required in connection with the admission of those new Members; therefore reappoint Messrs. Stitt, Holder, and Sinclair, with instructions to prosecute that matter during the Synodical year; enjoin on Congregations and Deacons' Courts the necessity of attending at the proper time to the payment of the induction fee; and, finally, instruct the Committee on Ministerial Support, who are henceforth to manage this Fund, to make all needful alterations in the Rules.

The Synod record their very cordial thanks to the Convener and Treasurer for the important and successful services which they have rendered to the Church in this matter.

Records.

The Report of the Committee on Records was given in by the Rev. James Muir.

The Synod receive the Report, and order the several Records of Synod, Presbyteries, and Standing Committees to be attested by the Clerk in terms of the Report.

Time of next Synod's Meeting.

The Synod proceeded to fix the time of the next Synod's meeting. It was resolved that the Synod meet on the last Monday of April, at

half-past Six o'clock p.m., and that the Presbytery of London be instructed to make the necessary arrangements.

Instruction to General Purposes Committee.

The Synod refer to the General Purposes Committee the question of the best method of arranging for future meetings of Synod, with authority to communicate any suggestion to local parties in view of next meeting, and to report to the Synod.

Treasurership Committee.

The Synod called for the Report of the Treasurership Committee, which was given in by Mr. A. J. Malcolm, *Convener*.

The Synod receive the Report; approve of the Balance Sheets submitted; acknowledge the services of the Committee; and express satisfaction with the arrangements made for conducting the Secretarial and Financial Work of the Church.

The Synod resolve that, recording their obligations to the brethren who have in past years so willingly undertaken, and so efficiently accomplished, the Audit of most of the Church Accounts, it now seems expedient to authorise the employment of a professional Auditor for this duty in future.

In view of the fact, that during the past year a large proportion of Congregations failed to contribute towards some or all of the Synodical schemes, the Synod commend to the special attention of Congregations to whom their recommendation may apply, the adoption of such arrangements as may result in their taking some adequate share in the support of the enterprises of our Church.

The Synod resolve that in order to raise the £1200 required for the Synod Fund in 1880, the Presbyteries be assessed 14s. 7d. per cent. on their Membership and ordinary revenue, as follows:—

Presbytery of	Berwick	£54
„	Northumberland	60
„	Newcastle	189
„	Carlisle	29
„	Darlington	59
„	Liverpool	194
„	Manchester	148
,	Birmingham	45
„	Bristol	36
	London	386
		£1200

Memorial Minutes.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to prepare Memorial Minutes with reference to the deaths of the Rev. Dr. McKerrow and the Rev. Joseph R. Welsh, which was given in by the Rev. James Muir, Convener, who laid on the table drafts of said Memorial Minutes.

The Synod receive the Report, approve of the drafts submitted, and order them to be entered as follows on the Records of the Synod:—

Rev. J. R. Welsh.

In the death of the Rev. Joseph R. Welsh the Synod lament the loss of one of their most earnest and spiritually minded preachers of the Word. He was known among us rather as a faithful Preacher of the Gospel, and a painstaking and successful Pastor, than as interested in public questions or as a Member of our Church Courts. For upwards of thirty years he laboured faithfully in building up his Congregation in Canning Street, Liverpool, and has left there a monument to his memory in one of the largest and most influential Congregations in the Liverpool Presbytery. The Synod tender to his relatives the expression of their deepest sympathy and condolence, and pray that the Friend who sticketh closer than a brother may be their stay and comfort in the loss they have sustained.

Rev. Dr. McKerrow.

The Synod desire to record in their Minutes their sense of the loss they have sustained in the death of Dr. McKerrow. For more than half a century he was privileged to be a Preacher of the Gospel in the City of Manchester, where, as in other parts of the Church, he was known and appreciated as a Preacher of earnestness, unction, and power. With powers of mind of a high order, large-heartedness and breadth of sympathy; a lover of his own Church and a lover of all good men; a pronounced Presbyterian, yet as far removed as possible from being a narrow Sectarian, he was forward in every movement which had for its object the intellectual and moral advancement of society, and the extension of the Kingdom of Christ. Recently the Synod awarded him the highest expression of her affection and esteem by placing him in the Moderator's Chair, whose duties he discharged with dignity; closing his lengthened career by that eloquent discourse with which he opened the last Meeting of Synod. The Synod tender their warmest sympathy to his family circle and the Congregation of Brunswick Street, and commend them to the guidance and consolation of the ever-present Lord.

Adjournment.

The Synod adjourned to meet again this Evening at Six o'clock; whereof public intimation having been given, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

At London, and within Regent Square Church,
On Friday, the 25th day of April, 1879, *Six o'clock p.m.*

Friday, April 25th.

The Synod did again convene, and was constituted with devotional exercises. Constituted.

The Synod considered the method of taking the Vote at the Meetings of Synod, and they instruct the Law and Historical Documents Committee to take this question into consideration, and report to next Synod as to what method of voting it is advisable to adopt. Mode of taking Votes.

The Synod took into consideration the best mode of dealing with the validity of Elders' Commissions, and resolve to adopt the following Standing Order: that only such Commissions as the Clerk reports to be defective shall be remitted to any Committee that may be appointed on Elders' Commissions. Elders' Commissions.

The Synod, taking into account the desirablity of having as full and accurate a Report as possible of the Proceedings of Synod in the Public Press, instruct the Publications Committee to take what steps they may deem advisable for securing this object. Reports by Press.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Statistics, which was given in by Dr. Leone Levi, Convener. Statistics.

The Synod receive the Report; reappoint the Committee — (See Appendix); and recommend the Treasurership Committee to consider the propriety of closing all the funds of Schemes of the Church, as far as possible, on the 31st of December.

The Report of the Committee on the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund was submitted by the Rev. R. H. Lundie, in the absence of the Rev. Thomas Macpherson, Convener. Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund.

The Synod receive the Report; renew the instructions given by last Synod for the increase of the Capital Fund; authorise the Committee to revise the rules for the distribution of the fund, with a view to the

bringing up of any suggestions that may seem necessary to next Synod; grant to Rev. W. Ballantyne, of London, and Rev. Andrew Wilson, of Wark, £40 per annum, the present maximum annuity, on the understanding that should they be able hereafter to resume work, their claim on the fund shall cease; and empower the Committee to give the same maximum annuity to Rev. James Cleland, of Risley, when they receive from the Presbytery of Manchester the documents required by the rules.

The Synod record their special and most cordial thanks to the Convener and Treasurer for the ability and earnestness with which, for so many years, they have promoted and administered this fund.

Sunday Closing.

The Clerk submitted Draft of Petition to the House of Commons in favour of the Sunday Closing Bill now on the table of the House.

The Synod approve of the Draft, and order it to be duly extended, and presented to the Commons House of Parliament, it being entrusted for this purpose to Mr. J. C. Stevenson, M.P. for South Shields, and member of this House.

Church Building.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Church Building and Debt Extinction Fund, which was submitted by the Rev. R. H. Lundie, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report; express their unabated conviction of the importance of both branches of the work of the Committee, to the extension and consolidation of the Church; and urgently recommend the early payment of instalments of subscriptions still outstanding.

Further, considering that in consequence of the auspicious institution of the Union Thanksgiving Fund, which among other objects aims at aiding Congregations in the liquidation of debt and the building of Churches, it is not possible for the Committee any longer to make a separate appeal to the Church for the sum still needed to complete the £30,000 originally contemplated, the Synod recommend to the favourable consideration of the Thanksgiving Fund Distribution Committee the applications for funds contained in the Report.

Still further, as the Church Building Committee is now amalgamated with the Home Mission and Sabbath School Committees, the Synod cannot allow Mr. Lundie's Convenership of the Committee for such a long term of years to cease without placing on record their deep sense of the assiduity, ability, and striking success which have characterised his services in this office, and tendering to him their cordial thanks.

The Synod's thanks were formally conveyed to Mr. Lundie by the Moderator.

The Report of the Law and Historical Documents Committee was laid on the table by Dr. Leone Levi, Convener. Law and Historical Documents.

The Synod receive the Report; approve and adopt the Draft Trust Deed now submitted; authorise the Committee to issue the Model Trust Deed as revised by Counsel, and to place the same in the hands of the Publications Committee for publication in a separate form for the use of the Church; remit the further portion of the Rules of Procedure with the recommendation on Standing Orders to Presbyteries, with instructions to return the same to the Convener on or before the 31st October next; authorise the Committee to revise the whole of the Rules of Procedure as soon as the returns of Presbyteries are in their hands, to attach the necessary form, and to submit the same complete to the Synod in 1880. Recognising the great importance of preserving Titles and Church Deeds, the Synod recommend that proper steps be taken by each Presbytery for the custody of the same, and recommend that when any Congregation has its Deeds in the hands of private individuals, communication of the name of such be made to the Presbytery.

The Synod called for the Report of the Publications Committee, which was laid on the table by the Rev. Dr. Edmond, Convener. Publications.

The Synod receive the Report; approve the diligence of the Committee; recommend each Congregation that has not yet complied with the Synod's recommendation of last year, to give one collection with the view of supplying a capital fund for the Committee; and instruct the Synod Treasurer to pay the sum of £35 16s. 1d. incurred in the exchange of the monthly journals with the Ministers of the United Presbyterian Church.

The Treasurer of the Synod reported that having received no communication from the Executors of the late Mr. Muter, and having been made aware that the case had been carried into Chancery, he had felt it to be his duty to enter an appearance by Counsel, in conjunction with the Treasurer of the Free Church of Scotland, in order that the interests of this Church should be carefully guarded. Muter Bequest.

The Synod approve of the action taken by the Treasurer; thank him for his services; authorise and request him to continue his

supervision; and at the request of the Rev. John M. Ross, one of the Executors, appoint the Sustentation Fund Committee to co-operate with the Executors in an effort to bring this matter to an amicable settlement.

Aberdare. The Report in the case of Aberdare was submitted, showing that the building of the Church at Aberdare is progressing towards completion, and that with the liberal aid given by the Church Building and Thanksgiving Fund Committees, there is now a deficit of only £150.

The Synod receive the Report.

General Purposes Committee. The Synod called for the Report of the General Purposes Committee, which was given in by Mr. Jas. Watson, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report; approve of the rate of remuneration to Presbytery Clerks, for copying duplicate Minutes for the use of the Synod, fixed by the Committee; further approve of the recommendation of the Committee regarding the Stated Collections, and appoint that they be made as follows, viz. :—

For Foreign Missions	on the	third	Sabbath of May, 1879.
„ Continental Missions	„	„	July, „
„ Schools	„	„	Sept., „
„ College	„	„	Nov., „
„ Jewish Mission	„	„	Jan., 1880.
„ Home Mission	„	„	Mar., „

The Synod resolve that the Collection for Schools be made only biennially.

Instruction. The Synod make it an instruction to the Committee to consider whether any improvement can be suggested in the manner of nominating and electing Moderators of Synod, and if they see meet, to report such suggestion to next Synod.

Day Schools. The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Day Schools, which was given in by Principal Lorimer, Convener.

The Synod receive the Report, and record their thanks to the Committee, especially to the Convener, who for such a long term of years has devoted his energies with rare assiduity and wisdom to the interests of this enterprise.

Dr. Patton. The Synod resolve that in the event of a favourable reply from Dr.

Patton, the Presbytery of London be instructed to take the necessary steps for his induction into the Barbour Professorship.

The Synod record their thanks to the Minister and other Office-bearers of Regent Square Church, for the use of their Church and other premises; to the Arrangements Committee for the admirable arrangements they have made for the convenience and comfort of the Synod; and to the Christian families in London for the hospitality they have extended to the Members of Synod during the sittings thereof. Thanks.

The Minutes of this day's Sederunts were read and sustained, and ordered to be attested, with the other Records, by the Moderator and Clerk. Minutes Sustained.

The Synod having now, in the good providence of God, brought its business to a close, was addressed by the Moderator, who declared this Synod closed, and indicted the next Synod to be held, as already resolved on, within Marylebone Church, London, on the last Monday in April, 1880 years, at half-past Six o'clock p.m. Close.

The proceedings were terminated with praise and prayer.

Signed, in name and by authority of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England,

WILLIAM GRAHAM, D.D., *Moderator.*
WILLIAM McCAW, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

A.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

1.—HOME MISSION.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. MacEwan	Rev. R. H. Lundie	Mr. J. Goodman	Mr. A. Wark
Fraser	J. Matheson	A. J. Malcolm	James Robb
Wright	J. Muir (Egremont)	Geo. Duncan	G. B. Bruce
Verner M. White	W. R. Murray	R. T. Turnbull	Saml. Stitt
Simpson	J. Reid, Senr.		

With Representatives from Presbyteries.

CONVENER: Mr. G. B. Bruce.

2.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Dykes	Rev. D. MacColl	Dr. A. P. Stewart	Mr. H. M. Matheson
MacEwan	Theo Meyer	Mr. John M. Douglas	J. E. Mathieson
W. Ballantyne	William Dale	John Bell	Jasper Young
George Elder	J. Matheson	W. Carruthers	Geo. Duncan
J. M. Erskine		D. Matheson	

With Representatives from Presbyteries.

N.B.—The Synod, in the case of the Foreign Missions Committee, suspend for this year the Standing Order regarding the number of members on a Committee, and add the following twelve names to that Committee:—

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Drummond	Rev. Dr. Morison	Dr. Hewan	Mr. A. J. Malcolm
Lorimer	W. Dinwiddie	Mr. W. A. Boulnois	Robt. Morton
Fraser	Robt. Taylor	Thomas Hall	James Watson

CONVENER: Mr. Hugh M. Matheson. SECRETARY: Mr. James E. Mathieson.

3.—JEWISH MISSION.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Morison	Rev. W. Dinwiddie	Mr. J. S. Ness	Mr. R. Morton
Boyd	G. Carlyle	J. M. Leitch	F. J. Horniman
Edmond	D. MacColl	R. Paton	W. Carruthers
John Matheson	Robert Taylor	J. E. Mathieson	Rev. W. Wingate
G. Elder		J. Bell	

With Representatives from Presbyteries.

CONVENER: The Rev. Robert Taylor.

4.—INTERCOURSE WITH OTHER CHURCHES.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Dykes	Rev. A. J. Murray	Dr. Craig	Mr. J. C. Stevenson
Chalmers	R. H. Lundie	Rev. W. Wright	M.P.
Morison	Theo. Meyer	Sir G. B. Pechell,	D. Matheson
Wright	T. W. Brown	Bart.	J. S. Ness
Boyd	G. Drysdale	Mr. W. A. Boulnois	J. E. Mathieson

With Representatives from Presbyteries.

Convener: The Rev. Robert H. Lundie.

5.—COLLEGE AND SCHOOLS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Principal Lori-	Rev. Dr. Hamilton	Mr. A. Gillespie	Mr. R. Morton
mer, D.D.	Macleod	C. E. Lewis,	J. Johnstone
Professor Chal-	Paterson	M.P.	Gainsford Bruce
mers, D.D.	Simpson	J. M. Leitch	
Professor Gibb	W. Dinwiddie		
Dr. Dykes	W. Ballantyne		
Drummond	J. Reid, Senr.		

With Representatives from Presbyteries.

Convener: The Rev. Dr. Dykes.

6.—MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Fraser	Rev. R. Taylor	Mr. Thos. Matheson	Mr. J. S. Ness
MacEwan	D. MacColl	Geo. Duncan	Robert Morton
T. W. Brown	Jno. Matheson	W. D. Anderson	Geo. Bell, Jun.
T. Macpherson	J. Muir	R. T. Turnbull	J. A. Beith
		G. B. Bruce	Samuel Stitt

With Representatives from Presbyteries.

Joint Conveners: The Rev. Dr. Fraser and the Rev. Dr. MacEwan.

7.—LAW AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Principal Lori-	Rev. W. G. Elmslie	Dr. Levi	Mr. W. Graham
mer	R. Balgarnie	Rev. R. Black	Adam Young
Dr. Edmond	Chas. Moinet	Mr. Gainsford Bruce	R. A. MacLean
Grosart	J. T. McGaw	C. E. Lewis, M.P.	Thos. Bell
Drummond	J. Reid, Sen.		
W. Ballantyne			

With Representatives from Presbyteries.

Convener: Dr. Levi.

8.—PUBLICATIONS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Edmond	Rev. W. Ballantyne	Mr. W. Carruthers	Mr. Robert Wales
Grosart	A. J. Murray	W. T. Thacker	Robert Whyte
Morison	G. Drysdale	W. F. G. Blaikie	Henry Robson
Paterson	Gavin Carlyle	Jas. Bain	John Lamont
R. Taylor	A. Skene		

With Representatives from Presbyteries.

CONVENER: The Rev. Dr. Edmond.

9.—GENERAL PURPOSES.

The Officials of the Synod, and those of the Standing Committees, together with the Representatives from Presbyteries.

CONVENER: Mr. James Watson.

10.—TREASURERSHIP.

Mr. James Watson	Mr. Robert Niven	Mr. Wm. D. Anderson
John Bell	R. T. Turnbull	A. J. Malcolm
James S. Ness	John Johnstone	Henry Robson
Donald Matheson	George Duncan	Jasper Young

CONVENER: Mr. A. J. Malcolm.

11.—DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS.

Ministers:

Rev. Prof. J. Gibb	Rev. J. Reid, Sen.
J. Muir	Geo. Johnstone.

Elder: Rev. R. Black.

CONVENER: The Rev. James Muir.

12.—TEMPERANCE.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Paterson	Rev. R. H. Lundie	Mr. Samuel Smith	Dr. A. P. Stewart
James Towers	J. Mackenzie	James Robb	Mr. Thomas Engall
John Smith	T. W. Brown		

With Representatives from Presbyteries.

CONVENER: The Rev. James Towers.

N.B.—The Moderator, Clerk, and General Secretary of the Synod are Members of all the Standing Committees, except the Treasurership, and that on the Distribution of Probationers.

B.—SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

1.—EVANGELISTIC WORKERS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Dykes	Rev. D. MacColl	Mr. J. E. Mathieson	Mr. Saml. Smith
Davidson	R. Leitch	A. Wark	Rev. F. Sandeman
Edmond	J. Pirrie	R. Wales	Mr. Charles Kynoch
MacEwan	J. More	Dr. A. P. Stewart	J. C. Edgar
Paterson	W. McCaw		

CONVENER: The Rev. D. MacColl.

With instructions to correspond with Presbyteries with a view to receiving suggestions anent the matter entrusted to them.

2.—OVERSIGHT OF PRESBYTERIAN SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. Dr. Fraser	Rev. J. Christie	The Hon. Major-Gen. Rollo	Mr. J. C. Stevenson, M.P.
Wright	J. Wood	Dr. Pottinger	Sir Geo. B. Pechell, Bart.
Raitt	J. B. Roome	Mr. Charles E. Lewis, M.P.	Col. Bewes
Simpson	J. B. Dougherty		
Moore	J. Collie		
H. T. Howat	T. W. Brown		

CONVENER: The Rev. Dr. Wright.

3.—RE-ORGANISATION OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

MINISTERS.		ELDERS.	
Rev. James Muir	Rev. John Edmond, D.D.	Mr. Samuel Stitt	Mr. James Watson
R. H. Lundie	John Matheson	W. Carruthers	H. M. Matheson
W. Limont	T. Macpherson	J. A. Beith	Thos. Bell
John Thompson	Donald Fraser, D.D.	J. C. Stevenson, M.P.	A. J. Malcolm
Wm. McCaw	J. J. Muir	G. B. Bruce	Geo. H. Brown
R. S. Drummond, D.D.			Thomas Hall
James Oswald Dykes, D.D.			

CONVENER: Mr. Samuel Stitt.

4.—DISTRIBUTION OF UNION THANKSGIVING FUND.

Mr. S. Stitt	Mr. W. P. Sinclair
Thos. Matheson	James C. Stuart
Alex. Brown	John A. Beith
Stephen Williamson	Thomas Hall
Thos. Holder	Robert Hedley

With the Conveners of the Home Mission, Foreign Missions, Jewish Mission, College, and Ministerial Support Committees, and the members of the Treasurership Committee.

JOINT-CONVENERS: Messrs. S. Stitt and T. Matheson.

5.—CHRISTIAN GIVING.

MINISTERS.

Rev. Dr. Dykes	Rev. James Lees
Fraser	Richd. Leitch
Mackay	J. Matheson
Paterson	W. McCaw
J. Black	S.M. M'Clelland
John Bogue	J. More
J. Collie	W. R. Murray
A. M. Dalrymple	Jno. Reid, senr.
W. A. P. Johnman	A. M. Symington
	J. B. Thorburn

ELDERS.

Dr. J. C. Bruce	Mr. Robert Hedley
Mr. J. A. Beith	J. E. Mathieson
W. A. Boulnois	Thos. Matheson
G. B. Bruce	A. Mouat
W. Carruthers	James Robb
J. Halliday	J. C. Stevenson, M.P.
John Hedley (Nth. Shields)	W. H. Waite

CONVENER: The Rev. Dr. Mackay.

6.—LAPSED PRESBYTERIANS.

MINISTERS.

Rev. Dr. Moore	Rev. Bryce Muir
Fisher	Geo. Johnston
Chalmers	Wm. McCaw
White	J. Duff
A. B. Barkway	D. Henderson
James Towers	

ELDERS.

Mr. S. Stitt	Mr. T. Smith
Rev. J. M. Ross	T. Holder
Dr. Traill	J. Robb
Mr. J. C. Edgar	R. Summer
J. Brizell	

CONVENER: The Rev. Dr. White.

7.—STATISTICS.

MINISTERS.

Rev. Dr. MacEwan | Rev. Dr. White | Rev. John Black

ELDERS.

Mr. R. Wales | Dr. L. Levi

CONVENER: Dr. Leone Levi.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. That all Commissions transmitted to the Clerk of Synod shall be revised by him, in so far as regards the regularity of said Commissions in point of form, and that he shall report them to the Committee appointed by the Synod for receiving Commissions.

2. That the Clerk shall, on application, furnish Session Clerks with printed Copies of the Form of Commission, and of the Certificates appointed to be used by Act of Synod for certifying Elders chosen as Commissioners to the Synod, to be *bonâ fide* Acting Elders.

3. That all Commissions shall be in the hands of the Synod Clerk at least one week before the Synod meets.

4. That all Overtures and all Returns to Overtures from inferior Courts be in the form of Certified Extracts from the Minutes of Courts, by which they are transmitted respectively, and that these be sent to the Clerk of Synod, so as to be in his hands at least one week before the meeting of Synod.

5. That papers in cases from inferior Courts, whether forming part of the Record or produced in evidence before said Courts, must, in each case, before they are given in, be duly dated, numbered, and initialed by the Clerk of the Court from which they come, and be accompanied by petition for transmission to the Committee of Bills by the parties sending them in.

6. That the Committee appointed by the Synod for Bills, Overtures, and Arrangement of Business, &c., shall meet as soon after their appointment as convenient, and as often as may be necessary thereafter, to prepare and arrange the business, and to transmit all papers which appear to them relevant to be taken up by the Synod, and regular in point of form, and that parties interested be in attendance.

7. That the Reports of the Committees of the principal Schemes of the Church be printed and circulated along with the *Actings and Proceedings* of Synod; and that a copy of each, certified by the Clerk as that given in to the Synod, be kept *in retentis*, and the Reports thus collected be bound up in volumes, to be preserved among the other Documents of the Synod.

8. That in cases where parties are called to the bar, two speeches only shall be heard for each party, including the reply, to which the appellant or complainant shall be entitled. But if there be more than two parties, there shall be only one speech heard for each, besides the reply. In case of there being more than one complainant, and it appearing that the complaints are on distinctly separate grounds, each may be considered a separate party.

9. That the following be the order in regard to Motions, Votes, and Decisions:—1. Every motion, whether original or amended, shall be given in to the Clerk, in writing, as soon as it shall have been read to the House.—2. When a motion is duly seconded, and in possession of the Synod, it shall not be competent to make any alteration upon it without the permission of the House, excepting in the shape of an amendment, or second or third motion, as the case may be, regularly proposed to the Synod.—3. The person who makes the first motion shall be entitled to the privilege of giving a reply, in which new matter must not be introduced; thereafter, the debate shall be held to be definitely closed, and no other person shall be entitled to speak, excepting with regard to the manner of putting the vote.—4. All motions after the first shall be considered as amendments on the first, and be disposed of accordingly.—5. When there are only two motions before the House, the question put to the vote shall be *motion* or *amendment*, or *first* or *second* motion.—6. When there are three motions, the first question shall be whether the second or third motion shall be put as the amendment against the first; and the second question shall be whether the first motion or amendment so fixed shall be the decision of the House.—7. When there are more than three motions, the first question shall be whether that last proposed shall be put as the amendment, and so on until only three remain, when the procedure shall be as presented in Article 6.

10. That in bringing up a Report from a Committee, the Convener thereof shall move the Synod to receive the Report, and shall thereafter move such Resolutions as embody the recommendations it contains.

11. That any proposal for a pause in the Synod's proceedings, with a view to engage in Special Devotional Exercises, shall be made to the Synod only through the Moderator, and that all letters addressed to the Moderator for the purpose of being communicated to the House, shall, in the first instance, be laid before the Business Committee, who shall advise the Moderator as to the way of disposing of them.

12. That Commissions or Letters from other Churches, or from Societies in favour of Deputies to the Synod, and all applications of persons to be heard by the Synod, shall be reported by the Business Committee, that proper arrangements may be made for their reception, if that shall, by said Committee, be deemed proper.

13. That Presbytery Books be called for on the Morning Diet succeeding the opening of the Court, and that a Committee or Committees be appointed for visiting the same, who shall fill up a schedule with the information required by the Synod regarding each book—said schedules to be returned not later than the end of the fourth day of the Synod meeting. That a copy of the Report, as sustained by the Synod, shall be transmitted to the Presbytery, to be engrossed in their Records.

14. That the Records of the Synod and of the Synod's Standing Committees shall be annually produced at the Synod, to be visited by a Committee appointed for this purpose, who shall attest the same on finding them correctly kept, and shall report thereon to the Synod.

15. That the Communion of the Lord's Supper be observed at the first Morning Sitting, before any business is transacted, and that the remainder of that Sitting, and the Evening Sitting thereafter, be devoted mainly to the consideration of the Home Mission, Jewish, and Foreign Missions Reports; the Conveners of these Committees having authority to make public intimation of their concerted arrangements with reference to the reception of these Reports.

16. That the Minutes of any of the Diets be read and approved of *only* at a Morning Diet, with the exception of the Minutes of the last day of the Synod's Sittings.

17. That any Presbytery desiring certain of its representatives to be appointed members of the Business Committee of an ensuing Synod, may send in the names of such, with this view, to the Synod Clerk, one week at least before the meeting of said Synod, who is hereby directed, when the Synod is proceeding to the appointment of the said Committee, to declare such names along with the wish of the said Presbytery to the Synod.

18. That the Standing Orders be binding on all Meetings of the Synod, and that they be printed along with the Minutes of this Synod.

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REPORT ON MINISTERIAL CHANGES,

FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR 1878-79.

China Mission.

The Rev. John Rutherford, of Swatow, resigned his appointment, in consequence of ill health, in October, 1878.

Presbytery of Berwick.

The Rev. John Smith was inducted into the pastoral charge of Wallace Green Church, Berwick, on the 20th of June, 1878.

Presbytery of Birmingham.

Mr. G. M. Smith, Licentiate, was ordained at New John Street, Birmingham, on the 20th of August, 1878.

Presbytery of Bristol.

The Rev. Peter Rutherford was loosed from his charge at Bristol, with a view to his translation to the Cathedral Street United Presbyterian Church, Glasgow, on the 8th of April, 1879.

Presbytery of Carlisle.

1. The Rev. J. W. Ellison was loosed from High Street Church, Whitehaven, in order to his translation to Symrna Church, Sunderland, on the 8th of May, 1878.

2. The Rev. J. Montgomery Bonnar was loosed from his charge at Haltwhistle, in order to his translation to High Street, Whitehaven, on the 30th of July, 1878.

3. The Rev. J. Montgomery Bonnar was inducted into High Street Church, Whitehaven, on the 7th of August, 1878.

4. The Rev. William Ferguson was loosed from his charge at Workington on his accepting the appointment of Travelling Secretary to the Bible and Tract Society of Scotland, on the 31st of December, 1878.

5. The Rev. James Cochrane was loosed from his charge at John Street, Maryport, on his accepting an appointment as Missionary of the United Presbyterian Church, at Kingston, Jamaica.

Presbytery of Darlington.

1. The Rev. William Gibson was inducted to the pastoral charge of Holderness Road Church, Hull, on the 4th of June, 1878.

2. Mr. P. Wilson Paterson was ordained to the pastoral charge of Springbank Church, Hull, on the 2nd of July, 1878.

3. The Rev. R. A. Watson resigned his charge at Newport Road Church, Middlesborough, on the 7th of October, 1878.

4. The Rev. James Jack resigned his charge at Grimsby, on the 4th of February, 1879.

Presbytery of Liverpool.

1. Mr. William A. Cathcart, Licentiate, was ordained at Ramsey, on the 18th of June, 1878.

2. The Rev. James Barles was inducted into the Congregation of St. Peter's, Liverpool, on the 18th of July, 1878.

3. The Rev. Robert Black resigned his charge at Prince's Road, Liverpool, on the 26th of August, 1878.

4. The Rev. A. B. Barkway was inducted into the Congregation of Union Church, Liverpool, on the 10th of October, 1878.

5. The Rev. Joseph R. Welsh, Minister of Canning Street Church, Liverpool, died on the 21st of October, 1878.

Presbytery of London.

1. Mr. Martin Lewis, Licentiate, was ordained at Bournemouth, as Colleague and Successor to the Rev. James McGill, on the 21st of May, 1878.

2. The Rev. Hugh C. Wilson was loosed from his charge at Gravesend, with a view to his translation to Eastbourne, on the 18th of July, 1878.

3. The Rev. William Ewart, Minister at Kentish Town, died on the 23rd of July, 1878.

4. The Rev. Hugh C. Wilson was inducted into the pastoral charge of Eastbourne, on the 1st of August, 1878.

5. The Rev. James Laing was loosed from his charge at Bermondsey, with a view to his translation to the Free Church at Stonehouse, on the 13th of August, 1878.

6. The Rev. John Pirrie, of Cowgate Free Church, Edinburgh, was inducted at Norwich on the 24th of October, 1878.

7. The Rev. Dr. Martin was loosed from his charge at Maidstone, in order to his translation to the Church at Tartaraghan, on the 17th of December, 1878.

8. The Rev. Charles de Boinville, Minister at Kingston-on-Thames, died on the 21st of December, 1878.

9. Mr. John Mauchlen, Licentiate, was ordained at Richmond, on the 7th of January, 1879.

10. The Rev. William Ballantyne resigned his charge at Wood Green, and was declared Minister *Emeritus*, on the 11th of February, 1879.

11. The Rev. Matthew Macaulay, of Newtonards, was inducted into the pastoral charge of Brockley Church, on the 20th of February, 1879.

12. The Rev. Alexander B. Mackay was loosed from his charge at Brighton, with a view to his translation to Crescent Street Congregation, Montreal, on the 11th of March, 1879.

13. The Rev. Robert Balgarnie was loosed from his charge at Woolwich, in order to his translation to Gravesend, on the 11th of March, 1879.

14. The Rev. Robert Urquhart was loosed from his charge at Woolston, with a view to his translation to the Free Church, Old Meldrum, on the 11th of March, 1879.

15. The Rev. Robert Balgarnie was inducted at Gravesend, on the 31st of March, 1879.

Presbytery of Manchester.

1. The Rev. Alexander Bannatyne, of Paisley, was inducted into the Congregation of Longsight, Manchester, on the 18th of June, 1878.

2. The Rev. William McKerrow, D.D., *Emeritus*, Minister at Manchester, died on the 4th of June, 1878.

3. The Rev. Andrew G. Russell, M.D., resigned his charge at Bradford, on the 11th of July, 1878.

4. The Rev. John Ferrie resigned his charge at Stalybridge, on the 6th of January, 1879.

5. The Rev. Robert S. Coffey, of Bandon, was inducted at Bradford, on the 27th of February, 1879.

Presbytery of Newcastle.

1. The Rev. John Black, having been appointed by the Synod General Secretary, was loosed from his charge at North Bridge Street, Sunderland, on the 14th of May, 1878.

2. The Rev. Enoch Franks was inducted into the pastoral charge of Hebburn Church, on the 25th of May, 1878.

3. The Rev. John W. Ellison, of Whitehaven, was inducted as Colleague and Successor to the Rev. John Parker, Smyrna, Sunderland, on the 11th of June, 1878.

4. The Rev. John Morris resigned his charge at Bethany, Sunderland, and was declared Minister *Emeritus*, on the 9th of July, 1878.

5. Mr. J. Robertson Howat, Licentiate, was ordained at North Bridge Street, Sunderland, on the 26th of November, 1878.

6. The Rev. Alexander M. Beattie resigned his charge at Killing-

worth, with a view to his appointment to New Zealand, by the Free Church Colonial Committee, on the 14th of January, 1879.

7. The Rev. Andrew Wilson resigned his charge at Wark on the 8th of April, 1879.

8. The Rev. W. Arnot Mitchell was loosed from his charge at Durham, with a view to his translation to the United Presbyterian Church at Muirton, on the 16th of April, 1879.

Presbytery of Northumberland.

The Rev. Peter Whyte, Minister of Tower Hill Church, Wooler, died on the 11th of April, 1879.

Tabulated Statement.

	Ordinatns.	Inductns.	Translatns.	Resignatns.	Deaths.
China Mission	..	..	..	1	..
Presbytery of					
Berwick	..	1	..	..	..
Birmingham	1	..	..	..	..
Bristol	..	..	1	..	..
Carlisle	..	1	2	2	..
Darlington	1	1	..	2	..
Liverpool	1	2	..	1	1
London	2	4	6	1	2
Manchester	..	2	..	2	1
Newcastle	1	2	1	4	..
Northumberland	..	..	..	..	1
	6	13	10	13	5

Total .. 47

A comparison of this year with the two preceding years brings out the following results :—

The Ministerial Changes are :

In 1876-7	..	28
1877-8	..	38
Average	..	33

So that the Changes during the past year have been 14 above the average of the previous two years.

W. McCAW, *Clerk.*

HOME MISSION REPORT,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

The Synod of 1878 having agreed that the question of Temperance should be left in the hands of this Committee for another year, they have to report once more in regard to *three* departments of work.

I.—Church Extension.

In regard to this department, your Committee have still to speak more of the consolidation of work already begun than of aggressive effort, which the position of the Fund has constrained them rather to discourage. In point of fact they are unable to report the actual commencement of a single new enterprise during the past year, though they are aware of movements in more directions than one which may lead to a different state of matters in the course of the year on which the Church is now entering. Your Committee are satisfied that it has been wise policy to pause for a little, at the present juncture, to secure the ground already won before pushing on to the acquisition of new territory. In the meantime they are able to report substantial and satisfactory progress on the part of the recently established charges.

1. In no case has this been more marked than in that of *Eastbourne*, the most recent of the London Church Extension enterprises, where a commodious Church has now been erected, and an able and experienced Minister settled in the person of the Rev. Hugh C. Wilson, who was translated thither in August last from Gravesend. Since the settlement of Mr. Wilson the progress of the Congregation has been such as fully to justify the confidence entertained in regard to this new opening. Even during the winter months the congregations have been large, showing that apart from the visitors who flock to Eastbourne in summer there was real need for Gospel ministrations in this important watering-place.

2. Scarcely less encouraging has been the progress made by the Congregation at *Brockley*. For some time a little feeling of discouragement was experienced there, owing chiefly to the inability of this Committee to give them the assistance needed to enable them to proceed to the settlement of a Minister. This difficulty having, however, been taken out of the way, the Rev. Matthew Macaulay, formerly of Newtownards, Ireland, was happily settled over the Congregation on the 20th of February last, and they are now in good heart, and the whole outlook full of hope.

3. A satisfactory settlement has also been made at *Richmond*. After six months of successful labour there, Mr. John Manchlen, probationer, received a unanimous call, and was ordained by the Presbytery of London on 7th January last. The progress since made has been thoroughly satisfactory. The hired hall is already well filled. A convenient site has been secured for church and lecture hall, and a tender accepted for the erection of the latter, which will be begun at once.

4. A settlement has also taken place at the slightly older enterprise in the north of Liverpool commemorating the late Union, and named accordingly *Union Church*. The Rev. A. B. Barkway was settled over this Congregation on the 10th of October last, and there is every prospect that the Congregation will realise the hopes expressed in regard to it in previous Reports.

5. The enterprise at *Sefton Park*, Liverpool, has not reached the stage at which a Congregation can be gathered, preaching not having been yet begun. The Church, however, is rapidly advancing to completion, and will, it is hoped, be opened in the course of next month. From the character of the locality, and the whole spirit in which the enterprise is being carried forward, there is every reason to anticipate that this will one day become an important and influential Congregation.

6. The hopes expressed in your Committee's last Report in regard to the early settlement of a Minister at *Canterbury*, have unfortunately not been realised. Owing, there is reason to fear, in part to the inability of your Committee in the beginning of last Synodical year to make any grant, the Congregation sustained a disappointment which somewhat disheartened them, and the delay in the settlement of a Minister, taken together with the vicissitudes of supply, has contributed rather to the weakening than the strengthening of the cause there. The London Church Extension Committee are, however, still of the opinion that "a suitable settlement is all that is needed to the success of this Congregation."

7. The Presbytery of Manchester have now seen their way, in the exercise of the authority conferred on them by last Synod, to raise the station at *Eccles* to the status of a regular charge, and it is hoped that a suitable and satisfactory settlement will soon be made there.

Five other enterprises mentioned in your Committee's last Report (Walsall; St. Paul's, Birkenhead; Whalley Range, Manchester; Gosforth, and Byker, Newcastle) have passed beyond the stage requiring your Committee to give a detailed report regarding them; but they have reason to believe that they are all making solid and satisfactory progress.

It would be absurd to expect that no mistakes should ever be made in this department; but your Committee are satisfied that the more closely the Church extension of recent years is looked into, the more manifest will it become that growing experience is enabling those who are giving themselves to this work throughout the Church, to conduct it with a measure of care and judiciousness which merits the full confidence of our people.

In such work the London Church Extension Committee has, in recent years, taken a leading and very honourable part. In a recent Report they justly draw attention to the fact that "about twenty Congregations have been added to the London Presbytery in half as many years." Though this goes back on the work of the Committee in one only of the two sections now represented in the united Presbytery of London, the fact is none the less one worthy of note here. No doubt all the Congregations referred to have not been equally successful. Taken as a whole, however, they have at least been fairly so, and some have far exceeded the most sanguine expectations. One of the most pleasing incidents at the last meeting of your Committee was the intimation that the Congregation at Willesden, which in its second year had made a donation of £100 to the funds of this Committee, from the proceeds of a Bazaar, so costing it nothing for that year, had further resolved in this, its fourth year, to dispense with all further assistance. The whole cost of this young enterprise to the funds of the Church has thus not exceeded £175.

In the Report already referred to, the London Committee state that "continued commercial depression has induced them to postpone for a little taking further steps towards the erection of a Church at *Oxford*." They add, in regard to their present position generally, "The aim of the Committee during the past year has been to consolidate as much as possible its work, not, however, with the view of standing still, but of preparing for such earnest and steady progress as the finances placed at the disposal of the Presbytery will admit of." This, it will be seen, is in entire harmony with what your Committee have already stated in regard to their own position and policy during the past year. In so far as other Presbyterial Church Extension Committees have reported, it has been to the same effect.

II.—Evangelisation.

In this department it may be necessary to remind the Synod that your Committee aim at the promotion of evangelistic effort chiefly in *two* ways: *firstly*, by encouraging, both by means of financial assistance and otherwise, special evangelistic services throughout the Church; and, *secondly*, by giving help in the maintenance of Preaching Stations and distinctively Mission Congregations in poor localities.

1. In regard to the *first* of these, your Committee rather regret that so few Congregations avail themselves of the help placed at their disposal. The Presbytery reports, to which reference will be immediately made, sufficiently show that this is certainly not the result of the entire absence of Evangelistic effort throughout the Church. The help of your Committee is not needed by large and wealthy Congregations, nor yet where the circumstances are such as to admit of united and undenominational movements. The question is, however, whether Congregations that would really need financial assistance in such work do not fail to ask it because the necessity for such effort is not adequately realised. Your Committee have some fear that an earnest evangelistic spirit is still far from being universal in the Church, and that in some quarters spiritual life is very languid. Could time be secured,

in connection with the consideration of this portion of your Committee's Report, for a frank interchange of thought on the present state of religion throughout the Church, your Committee are of opinion that great benefit would be likely to accrue.

2. In regard to the *second* method by which your Committee seek to promote Evangelistic work, they think it only necessary to report that two distinctively Mission Congregations and five Preaching Stations are aided from its Funds.

In this whole department, however, your Committee feel that there is room for considerable enlargement, and they would be glad to know that they were practically more serviceable to the Church at large in this matter of Evangelisation than they realise themselves at present to be.

Your Committee have been in communication, as usual, with the various Presbyteries through their Evangelisation Committees, where these exist, in regard to the Evangelistic effort being carried on within the bounds of each. The detailed information furnished is, in some cases, extremely interesting, but your Committee regret that the other matters requiring to be dealt with in this Report constrain them to restrict themselves to a very general reference to the work reported from each.

In the Presbytery of *Berwick* it was agreed to hold a week of special services in connection with all the Congregations, and these seem to have been carried out in several cases with satisfactory results. The only effort of which any details are furnished is that carried on at Belford over two weeks, during which time, "in spite of the storm, the audiences steadily increased, till over 300 attended, many coming night after night four or five miles over hill and moor deeply covered with snow." The result of these services has been not only the apparent conversion of not a few souls, but the quickening of religious life over the whole district.

It is reported from *Birmingham* that "most of the Congregations are engaged in carrying on regular Home Mission work in some form or other," though special services have only been held in a few. The latter seem to have been conducted mainly in connection with the Rev. W. B. Cullis, of Philadelphia, whose labours seem to have been much blessed in connection with united services at Shrewsbury under the management of a Committee of which Mr. Wallace was chairman, and in immediate connection with our own Congregations at Worcester, Dudley, and Hanley.

Neither the Presbytery of *Bristol* nor that of *Carlisle* seems to have appointed an Evangelisation Committee, or otherwise taken Presbyterial action in this department; but several of the Congregations in both are reported to be doing regular Evangelistic work, while interesting and successful special services have also been held in connection with more than one of them.

From *Darlington* it is reported that at least ten out of the nineteen Congregations of that Presbytery have been engaged separately or unitedly in Evangelistic work during the year. Special reference is made to the varied and energetic work carried on in connection with Prospect Street, Hull, often referred to in previous Reports of this

Committee, and also to the work of one Minister's wife "who, in addition to a Weekly Bible Class and Women's Meeting, addresses every alternate Tuesday the young women in a factory during the dinner hour."

The Presbytery of *Liverpool* have sent up to the Committee the detailed Reports of twenty-one Congregations. These show that the Congregations of this Presbytery are very generally occupied with systematic and well-organised Mission work, while not a few have sought to stimulate the life of their ordinary worshippers and such others as could be gathered into the Churches by means of special services. In Liverpool these were conducted simultaneously during one or two weeks in the month of December last. The Report of the Presbyterial Committee justly remarks that "as, in the on-going of a settled Congregation, we do not look for much that is eventful, so in the continuance of Mission work we must not be discouraged by the absence of what is new and special. By means of Mission Halls, local missionaries, Bible-women, open-air preaching, special services in halls and churches, tract distribution, mothers' meetings, ragged schools, and other agencies, the good work is continued and advanced, and although the results no doubt fall short of expectation and desire, they afford abundant reason for gratitude and hope."

The Report from the *London* Presbytery is so brief and comprehensive that your Committee cannot do better than give it entire :—

1. The Evangelisation Committee has been re-organised, and a fresh beginning of work made. Nightly services were held for a month at Bow ; for a fortnight at Bermondsey ; and weekly services for three months at Drury Lane. The attendance, in very cold weather, averaged 100, 150, and 600 at these. Twenty-five Members of Presbytery took part in them.

2. In addition, various weeks of service were carried on during the season, organised by the Sessions of a number of Congregations, with much encouragement.

3. Sunday afternoon and evening services continue with a very large attendance at the Agricultural Hall, at Clapham, and at Wandsworth, with hundreds attending.

4. Nine or ten Congregations have regular Mission work carried on in Halls built or rented for the purpose ; in one case, in a Theatre. Some of these may very soon ripen into Mission Churches. They indicate a large amount of solid work quietly and persistently prosecuted, in some respects the most hopeful form of Evangelistic effort.

Probably the most elaborate and careful of all the Presbyterial Reports is that furnished from the Presbytery of *Manchester*. A Conference of this Presbytery was held in the month of October last, for the special purpose of considering the question of Evangelistic work, and gave rise to a strong recommendation on the part of the Presbytery, that every Congregation should make arrangements for the holding of special services, and for the looking after lapsed Presbyterians in its own district. Arrangements have also been made for the holding of special services on two different occasions for the young. Nineteen out of twenty-six Congregations have made returns in regard to the various forms of Evangelistic work in which they are respectively engaged, showing a large amount of earnest and systematic effort as being put

forth among them. None of the Reports transmitted to your Committee furnish stronger evidence of the valuable service that may be rendered to Presbyteries by the presence among them of earnest and energetic Committees specially charged with this matter of Evangelistic work.

The Report from *Newcastle* is also a valuable one, as exhibiting the large amount of earnest work being done in connection especially with the town Congregations of that important Presbytery. The Committee there serves a very valuable purpose in watching over the ordinary Mission work carried on by the various Congregations, but does not seem, like the Manchester or London Committees, to aim at suggesting Presbyterial action; nor does it take note of special services held in connection with the Congregations themselves. Your Committee are aware, however, that a great deal has been done in this way in united movements in some of the larger centres within that Presbytery, in which our Ministers have taken a leading part, and by which some of our Congregations have been greatly benefited. Here, as well as in the Birmingham Presbytery and in Berwick, Mr. Cullis has been much engaged, and the services conducted by him have in many instances been largely owned of God. Of the regular Mission work throughout the Presbytery, the Report remarks—

> The returns, with one exception, speak very hopefully. And this hopefulness is not without cause, for the attendance at the meetings has been increasing; the attachment of the people to the workers is more visible, the audiences are more orderly and attentive, habits of thrift are seen to be forming, intemperance is diminishing, the state of the districts where Missions are carried on is improving, and, in some cases, members have been added to the Church. These are encouraging signs, and warrant the hope that while the work of outward reformation is manifesting itself, the work of regeneration will go on in the heart, that many more from these lanes and byways of our towns may come in to the Gospel feast, and yet sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of God.

The Report from the Presbytery of Northumberland speaks less of Special Services or Congregational Mission work than of patient and laborious ministerial work in that rural district. That the Presbytery, however, is not indifferent to the state of spiritual life within its bounds is manifest from the following series of queries which were issued to all the Ministers —

1. Have you conducted any Special Services in addition to the usual pulpit ministrations?
2. Have your Office-bearers been to any extent engaged in Evangelistic effort?
3. Have you observed any evidences of advantage to your Congregation from such Special Services?
4. Can you suggest any way in which the Committee can render you any assistance in this work?

The answers furnished to these queries give evidence that "by means of house-to-house visitation and religious services in farmhouses, barns, and cottages, the Gospel is carried to many who from age, distance, or other providential causes would be deprived of the preaching of the

Word. In many districts the Minister preaches twice or thrice during the week for the greater part of the year at places most distant from the Church; and as the result, not a few are preserved from lapsing into a state of home-heathenism, while the ordinary Sabbath Congregations are reported as better for the week-night services."

The Northumberland Presbytery is the only one which draws attention to the "want of an accredited Evangelist to labour within the bounds of the Presbytery." This, the Report states, "is generally felt, and several of the returns refer to this lack," while a hope is expressed that this Committee, when its finances permit, "will supplement local effort to procure the services of an efficient and recognised Evangelist to aid in this work."

III.—Temperance.

Your Committee regret that they have not been able during the past year to give the attention to this subject that its importance demands. More loudly than ever the enormous national expenditure on intoxicating drinks calls for the attention of thoughtful men. In spite of the continuance of great and widespread depression in almost every industry in the land, the Drink Bill of 1878 has exceeded that of 1877. The condition of vast numbers of the inhabitants of our large towns during the past winter has been unspeakably wretched; relief committees have been assiduously at work in all parts of the land; our poor-law system has had an unwonted strain put upon it by the excessive number of applicants for relief; and yet it is computed that we sacrificed to our drinking customs, directly and indirectly, in 1878, well-nigh £300,000,000. This astounding total has been reached with a rapidity that is truly alarming. Comparing the five years ending 1862 with a like period ending 1878, our consumption of intoxicating liquors has increased nearly 60 per cent., while the population has grown only about 17 per cent. The disastrous effects of this terrible amount of indulgence, physically, mentally, and morally, are fearful to contemplate. The researches of Dr. Norman Kerr and Dr. B. W. Richardson on the influence of drinking on the vitality of the country, show that the usual estimate of an annual mortality of 60,000 through indulgence in strong drink, is probably very far below the mark. In our most thickly populated counties an enormously increased expenditure has been found necessary to cope with the increase of lunacy, sixty per cent. of which is said to be attributable to intemperance. Since 1872 the rate of increase of convictions for drunkenness is five-fold that of the population; while the whole land groans under the load of drink-caused pauperism by which it is cursed. Strong drink is sapping the vitality of the country, paralysing its industries, blighting its home-life, and corrupting its morals. It is robbing the Church of men and means; and doing more, probably, than all other agencies combined, to sink the masses to that low level of immorality and infidelity which make them the country's danger and the Church's difficulty.

But appalling as is the picture that presents itself to every explorer of the ravages of intemperance, there is much to encourage the belief that this death-tide is—slowly, it may be, but certainly—ebbing. The

mind of the country is being enlightened; and the conscience of the Church is being roused. Agencies are at work in every direction grappling with the evil. The tone of the Press has greatly improved. The platform hears this question more frequently discussed than any other. Temperance societies, under various names, are covering the land with their operations. The foremost men in the medical field are exposing the insidious dangers of even moderate drinking. Assize after assize our judges denounce this foe of law and order, and the Churches of our land, with hardly a single exception, have given their sanction to some form of Temperance work.

Your Committee regard the Band of Hope movement in connection with Congregations and Sabbath Schools as one of the most hopeful Temperance agencies. As many of the most energetic and devoted of our workers are identified with them, they serve the double purpose of crystallising to some extent the Temperance sentiment found in all our Congregations, and of inculcating and fostering among the young those principles of sobriety which will prove the best defence against the manifold temptations of their riper years.

Your Committee believe that men of all shades of opinion must rejoice at the progress and extent of the movement represented by coffee palaces and cocoa rooms. Their popularity and success show that they supply a felt want. No more potent rival to the ordinary public-house and long bars exists than these "public-houses without the drink." In the list of counteractive agencies they confessedly and deservedly occupy the foremost place.

Your Committee rejoice in the progress that has been made in the field of legislation. The number of Bills laid before Parliament year by year are not only an indication of widespread dissatisfaction with the law as it now stands, but also a prophecy of great and radical change. In the triumph of the advocates of the Irish Sunday Closing Bill all good men must rejoice, marred though that triumph was by the exclusion of the five chief towns from the operation of the Act. Its beneficent results, confessed on all hands, not only vindicate the action of its friends, but also afford ground for the hope that the excluded towns will speedily enjoy the same precious boon. Your Committee cannot but sympathise with out sister Church in Ireland as she mourns the loss of the acknowledged leader of this agitation in the House of Commons, Professor Smyth, M.P. He lived long enough to witness the triumph of the cause he so nobly championed, and to see secured for his native land a blessing that will keep his memory green for ages to come. The success of our friends in Ireland has given an immense impetus to the agitation for a similar measure for England. An esteemed Elder of our Church, and a member of this Synod, J. C. Stevenson, Esq., M.P., South Shields, has taken charge of the measure in the House; and we cannot but pray that his efforts may speedily be crowned with full and lasting success. With Scotland and Ireland enjoying this great boon; with Wales demanding it by a majority of forty to one, so far as it has been tested; with towns and villages in our own land appealing by overwhelming majorities for a Sabbath free from the temptations of the open public-house, the enactment

of this law cannot be long delayed. The issue of the Report of the Lords' Committee on Intemperance has drawn public attention afresh to the whole subject. Government, through its official members, has again and again admitted that we must take some step forward. Every election proves that this is a factor exercising a more or less determining influence on the result.

It is greatly to be desired that the Church of Christ should still more directly exert her influence in promoting, in all suitable ways, this general movement, which, it may be hoped, is yet destined to deliver our land from its greatest curse, and secure for coming generations the incalculable blessings of true, Scriptural, national sobriety. Your Committee feel that our own Church must take action of a more definite and direct character than it has yet done, if it would fulfil its own proper part in the work. In the meantime your Committee recommend the Synod to petition Parliament in favour of the English Sunday Closing Bill, and to recommend Presbyteries, Sessions, and Congregations to do the same. They further recommend that Ministers be instructed to call the special attention of their Congregations to the question of Temperance on the third Sabbath of December, or such other day as may prove convenient.

Rules.

Your Committee had occasion, in the course of the year, to consider the question of Rules to be observed in the conduct of the work of this Fund, and, after mature consideration, agreed to recommend the following for approval by the Synod, subject, of course, to any modification that may prove necessary in connection with the reorganisation of Standing Committees at present under consideration of a special Synodical Committee, viz. :—

I.—In regard to the Department of Church Extension.

I. That this be conducted in each Presbytery under the superintendence of a special Committee, consisting of Office-bearers or Members of the Church within its bounds, which should endeavour to gather the necessary funds, so far as possible, in its own district. Further, that the Home Mission Committee keep in communication with each Presbytery through its Church Extension Committee in regard to the work being done within its bounds, and be furnished with a report on the same not later than the month of February in each year.

II. That the following be the regulations with regard to grants made to Church Extension Charges from the Home Mission Fund, viz. :—

(1.) That applications be in every case made by means of schedules so constructed that the answers to the questions put shall furnish full information in regard to the nature, position, and prospects of the enterprise for which assistance is sought, and accompanied in each case with an extract Minute of the Presbytery within whose bounds the Congregation is situated, stating that the case has been carefully inquired into, and that the application is, in the judgment of the Presbytery, in all respects one which the Home Mission Committee ought to entertain.

(2.) That Church Extension schedules be in *two* forms, one for applications

for assistance in the maintenance of ordinances while the enterprise is still in its initial stage as a mere Preaching Station, or prior to the settlement of a Minister; the other for applications for aid in providing a stipend for a Minister when the Congregation shall have become ripe for giving a call.

(3.) That such schedules shall each contain a question as to the period within which the Congregation is likely to be self-supporting, and that assistance be ordinarily given from the Home Mission Fund only in cases in which the answer to that question is perfectly satisfactory.

(4.) That, as in the case of aid-receiving Congregations on the Sustentation Fund, a statement of accounts be required annually from all Congregations aided by the Home Mission Committee.

(5.) That while, for the convenience of any Congregation prepared to call a Minister, the Committee may indicate a maximum scale of grants to be contemplated so far as necessary in any particular case, extending over a short term of years, not exceeding three, dating from the settlement of the Minister, they shall not be held bound for the continuance of the grant, or for any specific amount in any given year, apart from the due consideration of the position and requirements of the particular Congregation year by year, as shown in their statement of accounts and otherwise.

(6.) That all schedules be required to be in the hands of the Secretary at least a fortnight before the meeting of the Committee.

II.—In regard to the department of Evangelistic Work.

I. That the Home Mission Committee shall keep in communication with each Presbytery through its Evangelisation Committee in regard to the work being done within its bounds, and shall be furnished with a report in regard to the same not later than the month of February in each year.

II. That financial assistance shall be furnished in two classes of cases, viz.:—

(1.) In connection with Special Evangelistic Services, the Committee providing the half of the expense incurred by Congregations in this way where assistance is deemed necessary and the amount sought reasonable, applications for such assistance to be transmitted through, and to have the approval of, the Presbytery within whose bounds the Congregation making application is situated.

(2.) In connection with Mission Congregations and Preaching Stations.

III. That the Congregations so assisted shall be exclusively such as have proved themselves effective Evangelistic Agencies, or have every prospect of becoming so. Further, that such cases be taken up with great deliberation, and, if possible, in connection with some strong Congregation capable of giving substantial help. That in such cases the following conditions be imposed, viz.:—

(1.) The *bonâ fide* missionary character of the Congregation, and their absolute inability unaided to provide the necessary funds.

(2.) The effective character of the Evangelistic Agencies in operation.

(3.) The amount of assistance to be given from the Home Mission Fund in the meantime not to exceed in any case £50 *per annum*.

(4.) Applications to be made, as in the case of Congregations on the Church Extension List, by means of schedules with Presbyterial attestation and recommendation after full inquiry, and grants to be made from year to year only after the production and due examination of the statement of accounts for the year preceding.

Overtures Remitted for Consideration.

Last Synod remitted to your Committee two Overtures for consideration, both from the Presbytery of Newcastle.

1. The first of these had reference to the department of Church Extension, and the desirableness of having Ministers settled in the more important positions, fitted from the very outset to attract all classes in the neighbourhood, whether Presbyterians or not, who would prize an able Evangelical Ministry. It suggested for consideration whether this object might not be promoted, *either* (1) by the Synod's giving full authority to Presbyteries, in special cases, in conjunction with the Home Mission Committee, to settle Ministers from the very outset with special adaptation to the particular position, the Home Mission Committee having power to make grants in the same way as to Congregations that had received the prior sanction of the Synod; or (2) by the setting apart of Ministers specially adapted for Church Extension work under suitable regulations, their stipends being paid or guaranteed by this Committee.

Having carefully considered the whole question, your Committee are of opinion that the Synod might wisely accept the principle of the first of these alternative suggestions, and authorise Presbyteries in special cases, after consultation and agreement with this Committee, to secure and ordain or induct from the very outset Ministers adapted to the special spheres in which the new charges are respectively proposed to be placed, this Committee making grants to such charges in the same way as to those that have been previously sanctioned by the Synod.

2. The second Overture had reference to the desirableness of appointing one or more itinerating Evangelists to labour in immediate connection with this Church, and to be under the direction and control of the Synod. In regard to this, your Committee have to report that they do not see their way, in the present state of the Home Mission Fund, to recommend the taking of any immediate step in this direction. They think, however, that Congregations should be encouraged to avail themselves more largely of the help at present given by this Committee in connection with special Evangelistic services.

Regulations in regard to Evangelists.

In connection with the matter of the employment of Evangelists generally, your Committee think it necessary to draw the attention of the Synod to the fact that certain regulations were adopted by last Synod *ad interim*, and that it will be necessary to consider at this stage whether these regulations should now be adopted finally or otherwise disposed of. Your Committee are of opinion that the adoption of them by last Synod might now, with advantage, be made absolute.

Funds.

Reference has already been made to the check put upon the Church Extension work of your Committee by the state of its Funds throughout

the past year. An examination of the accounts will show that your Committee commenced the year with a net debit balance of £220 9s. 4d. They were at the same time burdened with obligations connected with previous grants, which practically anticipated the whole probable ordinary revenue of the Fund for the year, while they had to dispense with all help from the Union Thanksgiving Fund. In these circumstances, they were placed under the painful necessity of declining, for some time, to make any grants whatever till they should be able to see their way more clearly. Finding, however, in the month of October last, that the strain on the Fund would be sensibly relieved by the close of the year, through the running out of a number of the grants, and yielding to the clamant character of some of the new applications, your Committee took the responsibility of requesting the Treasurership Committee to arrange for their receiving a temporary loan from the other Funds of the Church, with the view of enabling them to meet these cases. The result has justified this action on the part of your Committee. They are glad to be able to report that the year has closed, notwithstanding this advance, much more favourably than at one time seemed likely. The debit balance at the end of the year was reduced to £102 15s. 9d., though there were grants overdue which, if paid, would have raised that sum to £159 0s. 9d. And though this sum may seem to represent a state of matters not much more favourable than at the beginning of the year, the strain on the Fund is really greatly relieved, since the grants payable in 1879-80 only amount to £1201 10s. as against £2150 10s. paid in 1878-9. Already the March collections are coming in, and there is little or no doubt that the revenue of the current year will be sufficient to meet all the obligations incurred up to this time. Your Committee must, however, reiterate their strong conviction that the Church at large is very far indeed from having risen to a due appreciation of the claims of this Fund. To quote the language of an appeal recently issued:—

It is far from being creditable that there should be still so many large towns in England in which Presbyterianism is utterly unrepresented. Our members emigrating to these towns are being daily lost to us in consequence of the lack of the ordinances to which they have been accustomed. We are failing to exercise our due influence throughout the land. Error in all its forms, Romanising and Rationalistic, is rampant both within and without the Established Church. The position becomes daily more critical. One of the greatest blessings to England this day would be a large and influential Presbyterian Church, causing its influence to be felt in every corner of the land, and serving everywhere, with its orderly government and Evangelical theology, as a rallying ground for the perplexed. Already, no doubt, the influence of Presbyterianism has greatly increased. Its outward growth during the last twenty years has been more marked than that of any other denomination in England. The Union happily formed nearly three years ago has made our strength more apparent. No one who knows what Presbyterianism was twenty years ago, and who is capable of judging of its present position, both in London and throughout the country, can doubt that the increase of its influence has been in a proportion far beyond such outward growth as can be measured by statistics. A great future obviously lies before

the Church. It is sad that this should be even temporarily retarded by the inadequacy of the resources furnished for promoting the great enterprise of Church Extension.

Your Committee would reiterate their conviction that the claims of such an enterprise should not, where it can be helped, be met by a mere annual collection, but should be provided for by the more productive organisation furnished by Congregational Associations. They would also express the hope that in the course of the coming year they will receive a liberal grant from the Union Thanksgiving Fund. Unless they be furnished with a larger revenue than is represented by the average ordinary income of the last three years, they can certainly hold out little hope of being able to give any considerable assistance in new enterprises.

It is with feelings of no ordinary regret that your Committee have to report that the senior Convener of the Committee, who has occupied that position *first* in one of the sections of the now United Church, and subsequently in connection with the larger organisation, for no less than twenty-six years, having previously acted for four years as Secretary, has felt it his duty to intimate his intention of asking your Reverend Court to accept his resignation. It is not for this Committee to anticipate the action of the Synod, but they desire to put on record their warm sense of the diligence, ability, and uniform courtesy with which their esteemed brother has so long discharged the arduous and important duties of the Convenership of this Committee, and the deep regret with which they contemplate the possibility of his ceasing to occupy that position.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee by

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[*For Financial Statement, see under* "ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH," *at p.* 200.]

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

CHINA.

MISSIONARIES.

			Station.
* Rev. George Smith	arrived in China,	1857.	Swatow.
,, W. S. Swanson	,,	1860.	Amoy.
,, H. L. Mackenzie	,,	1860.	Swatow.
* ,, W. Macgregor	,,	1864.	Amoy.
,, Hugh Ritchie	,,	1867.	Formosa.
* ,, William Duffus	,,	1869.	Swatow.
,, William Campbell	,,	1871.	Formosa.
,, Robert Gordon	,,	1872.	Amoy.
,, John C. Gibson	,,	1874.	Swatow.
,, Thomas Barclay...	,,	1874.	Formosa.
,, David Smith	,,	1875.	Formosa.
,, Henry Thompson	,,	1877.	Amoy.
* William Gauld, M.D.	,,	1863.	Swatow.
Peter Anderson, L.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. ...	,,	1878.	Formosa.
Miss C. M. Ricketts	,,	1878.	Swatow.
†James L. Maxwell, M.D.	,,	1863.	

NATIVE EVANGELISTS.—23 at Amoy, 10 at Swatow, and 24 at Formosa.
STUDENTS.—14 at Amoy, 6 at Swatow, and 12 at Formosa.

STATIONS.

DISTRICT OF AMOY.

Eight Stations organised as Churches—viz., E-mung-kang, Pechuia, Bay-pay, Khiboey, Liong-bun-si, Anhai, Kio-lai, and Chin-chew.

Eighteen Stations not yet organised as Churches—Yu-boey-kio, Peh-chioh, Koan-jim, Koan-kio, Aw-sai, Liong-kay, Liong-nia, Siong-see, Tin-hai, Phu-kiong, Tung-kio, Ta-ying, Kang-khau, Gaw-chay, Pan-to, Aw-pow, Sian-oan, and Chang-poo.

DISTRICT OF SWATOW.

Six Hok-lo Stations organised as Churches—viz., Swatow, Yam-tsau, Phu-soa, Ung-kung, Kieh-yang, and Mi-ow.

Ten Hok-lo Stations not yet organised as Churches—viz., Chao-chow-foo, Toa-soa-thau, Chiah-na, Tat-hau-pow, Chao-yang, Sin-hü, Kway-tham, Toa-ua, Kong-pheng, Hue-che, Poih-buan, and Pang-khau.

Six Hak-ka Stations not yet organised as Churches—viz., Soa-pa-kang, Ho-po, Ngou-hun-tang, Chie-sua, Lo-khoi, and Ho-tshan.

ISLAND OF FORMOSA.

Tai-wan District—One Station amongst Chinese, viz., Tai-wan-foo.

Four Stations amongst the Pe-po Hoan, viz., Bak-sa, Kam-a-na, Kong-a-na, and Poah-bay.

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* Salary paid by the Auxiliary Association in Scotland.

† Dr. Maxwell, formerly medical missionary in Formosa, renders valuable service to the Committee as Editor of *The Gospel in China*, and otherwise.

Hong-soa District—Eleven Stations amongst Amoy-speaking Chinese—viz., Pi-thau, Ta-kao, Tang-kang, Tek-a-kha, Taw-kun-eng, A-kau, A-li-kang, Iam-paw, Ka-la-paw, Kio-a-thau, and Lau-chhu-tsng.

One Station amongst the Hak-kas—viz., Lam-gan.

Ka-gi District—One Station amongst Chinese—viz., Ka-gi.

Four Stations amongst Pe-po Hoan—viz., Giam-cheng, Ka-poa-soa, Thau-sia, and Hoan-a-chhan.

Chang-hoa District—Four Stations amongst the Sek-hoan—viz., Toa-sia, Aw-gu-lan, Toa-lam, and Gu-khun-soa.

We learn from the "Records of the Shanghai Conference" that, at the close of 1877, there were labouring amongst the 400 millions of China 238 missionaries, 63 single ladies, and the wives of 172 missionaries. Six hundred stations had been occupied, and in the 312 Chinese Churches which had been organised the communicants numbered 13,035. Eighteen of these Churches were self-supporting, and 243 partly so. There were 73 ordained pastors and preachers, 511 assistant preachers, besides 71 colporteurs and 91 Bible-women.

Since these "Records" were published large additions have been made to the native Church. In the north of China this has more especially been the case, though the two S.E. provinces of Fuh-kien and Kwan-tung still embrace nearly two-thirds of the whole membership in China.

There was much hope that the practical sympathy of England during the late famine would tend to diminish the Chinese national prejudice against foreigners. Not the most sanguine, however, dared to hope for such results as have been actually obtained. From the lowest to the highest the Chinese of the northern provinces seem to have got a new view of the foreigner, and, not least, to have learned concerning the foreign missionary that, as Li Hung Chang, their leading statesman, expressed it, "there must be something in a religion which impels men of another country to come to China and voluntarily put their life on the hazard, yea, sacrifice it, in order to bring their teaching and help to the Chinese." H.B.M.'s Consul at Tien-tsin has said that the labours of the missionaries during the famine have done more for the opening of China than a dozen wars could have effected. Many in our Church who gave a willing response to the appeal of the Foreign Mission Committee on behalf of the famine sufferers will rejoice to know that their gifts have not been in vain.

In the Resolutions of Synod at its meeting in 1877 it is said: "They are glad that efforts are being made on behalf of the females of the East, and would welcome the formation of special Associations on the part of the ladies of the Church for the encouragement of this work." The appointment of Miss Ricketts to Swatow last year was a further expression of the Church's aim to go forward in this direction, and we would now congratulate the Church on the formation of "The Woman's Missionary Association of the Presbyterian Church of England." The Constitution of the new Association has received the general approval of the Foreign Mission Committee. Its sphere of operations will be identical with that of the Church's Foreign Missions. Its agents must receive the approval of the Foreign Mission Committee, and on the field

must carry on their special work in harmony with the other operations of the Mission. Believing that there is large room and an urgent call for female missionaries who shall give their whole strength to labour amongst the women of our mission fields, and that this Association will be found of the highest value in developing such work, the Foreign Mission Committee would ask the Synod to recommend it to the favour and support of the women of all our Congregations.

During the past year 228 new members have been received into the Church in connection with our Mission in China, and there is now in full communion a membership of 2212, or about one-sixth of all the communicants in China. Five new stations have been added, making 76 in all, over which our missionaries exercise as faithful a superintendence as their limited numbers will allow. One of these new stations is in a district city; the other four are in villages or small market towns.

The financial progress of the native Church is a matter of high importance, and from all our centres there are encouraging tokens that this subject is taking firmer hold of the membership.

An unexpected and much-lamented loss has befallen the Swatow Mission in the necessary return of the Rev. John Rutherfurd to this country on account of impaired health. His place as missionary to the Hak-kas will be filled up, it is hoped, ere the year closes. Meanwhile, the special burden of the Hak-ka work, with its six stations and rich promise of fruitfulness, rests upon the shoulders of our brother, the Rev. J. C. Gibson. With characteristic energy Mr. Gibson, whilst sustaining his full share of work among the Hok-los and at the Training College in Swatow, has applied himself to the acquisition of the Hak-ka dialect, and six months ago was able to dispense with the help of an interpreter in the examination of candidates for baptism.

AMOY.

During the past year our brethren at this the oldest and most advanced centre of our Mission have had a fair share both of the prosperity and of the trials which have characterised its operations from the beginning. Two new stations, one in the extreme S.W. of the region, in the district city of Chang-poo, and the other at a point further north than had previously been reached, in the village of Sian-oan, are evidences of progress which are more significant than the mere fact of the numerical increase would indicate. Chang-poo is the chief city of that whole district in which Pechuia, Bay-pay, Khi-boey, and ten others of the mission stations lie. It is the city to which poor persecuted converts from Pe-chioh and other distant parts of the district have been dragged in chains, and where they have lain in prison till it pleased their prejudiced judge to have them at his bar. It is the city where Mr. Burns successfully pleaded the case of the Khi-boey Christians, and before whose magistrate the yet unsettled cases of Tng-kio and Pan-to are at present lying. For many years past the brethren have been seeking a lodgment within its walls. A prosperous station in Chang-poo city would tell advantageously on the whole country work in the district, and many an evangelistic visit has been paid to it in the hope

that the Lord would open up the way for a permanent station. Only within the past year has this been secured. Then, again, the opening of the new station at Sian-oan is a fruit of the settlement last year of the difficulties at Chin-chew city, and means the breaking of ground in a fresh region. Sian-oan is a large village lying on the Chin-chew river, between twenty and thirty miles to the N.W. of the city, the nearest station to Sian-oan being that in the city itself. It should be understood that on the Chin-chew river, with its many villages on either bank, a Gospel-boat has been placed to ply up and down and carry forward a steady work of evangelisation. Sian-oan is the first-fruits of labour in this new region.

During the year 54 adults were received for the first time into full communion. Of these no fewer than five were persons who had been baptised in infancy, and who now intelligently follow in their fathers' steps. This is a hearty and gladdening sign, and a satisfactory commentary on the reality and endurance of work in long-past years. The total membership in full communion in the Amoy District is now 662.

Of equal significance with the increase of membership and the development of the field by the addition of new stations, is the encouraging Financial Report of the Churches within the Amoy Presbytery. Mr. Swanson writes—

Amoy, *April 12th*, 1878.—We have just had our Spring Meeting of Presbytery, one of the most stirring and profitable meetings we have ever had. We commenced on Tuesday, and continued our sittings during Wednesday and Thursday. We sat for six hours each day, and every moment was fully occupied with important business. There was a full representation of members, and when the *sederunt* was made up there were four native pastors, five foreign missionaries, fifteen native elders, and two delegates from the London Mission Churches in this quarter. These represented more than fifty separate congregations, and the sight made those of us who could look back to the past small beginnings thank God with humble, grateful hearts.

Carefully drawn-up reports on Church finance and on the progress of the work were given in and discussed, and it would have done your heart good to see how heartily and intelligently and systematically the whole business was conducted.

The Amoy Presbytery, embracing the converts of the American Mission as well as our own, has now a membership of 1270 adults under its jurisdiction, with a large number of baptised children and adherents. The total sum contributed by the Church Members last year amounts to 2482 dols. [a sum, reckoning the dollar at 4s. 3d., equal to £527 10s.], making the average contribution of each individual something near 8s. 4d. They are able to do more than this, and I do hope and believe that still further progress will be made.

As the contributions last year were 1923 dols., and the year before only 1700 dols., there is good ground for satisfaction with the steady progress indicated from year to year.

Twenty-two boarders, besides four day-scholars, have enjoyed during the year the benefits of the Girls' School. The Mission ladies are encouraged by the increasing number of applications for admittance to the school, and by the gradual improvement in the habits and character of many of those received.

With a view to material increase both of speed and certainty in the movements of our missionaries from Amoy to the coast and river stations, and to those points in the north and west whence their inland journeys begin, a steam launch has lately been substituted for the old form of Gospel-boat. The result is said to be thoroughly satisfactory. Oftentimes in past years the contrary winds and cross tides between Amoy and An-hai have baffled every effort to reach the latter place, and have compelled the brethren, after several days of weary struggling, to return to Amoy. In the new Gospel-boat it is now a comparatively easy matter to bridge the thirty-five miles of waterway to An-hai in the morning hours, and the same afternoon to complete the overland journey to Chin-chew city, which lies 15-20 miles N. of An-hai. The sea and river journey to and from Pechuia is now also a matter of easy calculation, and is accompanied with much saving of time; and those who know the discomforts of sea-sickness will appreciate the thankfulness of some brethren who in their oft-repeated journeys have had to make oft-repeated experience of that unpleasant complaint, but who are now enabled to move about in circumstances of much greater comfort. A portion of the legacy of the late Stephen Thompson, Esq., was, with the complete approval of his surviving friends, applied to this purpose, and the little mission steamer is named the *Stephen Thompson*.

The year, however, does not close without some ground for anxiety. The very hopeful prospects of our furthest station to the S.W., Pan-to, have become clouded by an outbreak of violence. A new church was in process of building when a mob of about 100 persons, led by the headman of a neighbouring village, came and violently destroyed the building. Mr. Swanson writes—

> I have little doubt that the fact of no redress being got in the case of the destruction of the Tng-kio chapel has emboldened the so-called literati of the district, and made them suppose that any injury they may do the Christians will not only go unpunished, but will meet with the tacit if not plainly expressed approval of the native authorities.

Whilst these cases of Tng-kio and Pan-to are still unsettled, we hear of three families in connection with the American Mission being expelled from a village beyond Chang-chew, and their whole property taken from them, because of their profession of Christianity. And there is something ominous in the fact that a little further south both the Basel Mission and our own Swatow Mission, and the R. C. Hak-ka Mission, are all burdened with cases of persecution of the gravest character. The progress of the Gospel in the south of China is evidently irritating the authorities, and they are probably inclined to encourage as far as possible those who are willing to lead the way in acts of persecution and violence. More than ever do we need to pray that the Native Church be kept pure and faithful.

SWATOW.

The first entrance of the Gospel to Swatow in 1856 was under circumstances of much difficulty and discouragement. A little room above a Chinese shop was Mr. Burns's dwelling, but there was no place

into which men might gather to hear or be instructed in the Word of God, and the missionary was there on a venture for the Gospel's sake, and liable to be expelled at any moment. During those first two and a-half years in which Mr. Burns resided and wrought there, he saw no marked fruit of his labours; but, when after two years' absence in Amoy and Foochow he returned in 1861 for a few months to Swatow, the marks of progress were such that he wrote: "The contrast is so striking as compared with the scenes that met the eye when first I landed on Double Island, in March, 1856, that, when preaching the day after my arrival, the change affected me almost to tears." And yet at that time Mr. Smith had received into Church-fellowship not more than three persons. How changed is the condition of things now, and how much cause for joy and thankfulness in such results as those which have crowned the labours of the past year! Mr. Mackenzie writes—"In regard to both adults and children we have baptised larger numbers than in any previous year, ninety-two of the former, and twenty-six of the latter." The three adult converts of 1861 have become 603, and there are also 169 baptised little ones. Besides these there are many others who have passed away in the joyful confidence of the Saviour's eternal keeping.

Regarding these converts and the character of their profession, Mr. Mackenzie says—

> Just as we often say to the converts when baptising them, "We think it right to baptise you, seeing that you profess to believe in Jesus Christ, and accept Him as your Lord and Saviour, but we do not thereby become surety for your salvation—that depends on your faith and repentance, on the truthfulness and reality of your profession;" so would we say to the Home Church, "We do not undertake that all whom we baptise are indeed good men and true and *living* Christians; but we do hope that among those received by us into the outward fellowship of the Church, there are many whom the Lord Himself has added to the Church, many who shall be saved."
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> After taking all the care we could, after repeated and minute examination and special inquiry, we have yet made mistakes in the reception of converts; we have received men and women who have grievously disappointed us. And, let me also say, we have, I doubt not, been at times cautious "overmuch;" we have, I fear, at times been too slow to receive applicants for baptism—men and women, who, I daresay, were hindered by us when we should have helped them by administering that ordinance which our Lord in His grace and tender mercy appointed for the confirmation and strengthening of feeble and halting believers. All this is but to confess that we are human—*humanum est errare.*
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> Notwithstanding, we do rejoice and will rejoice in *what the Lord is doing;* and we invite the Church that has sent us forth as His messengers to the heathen to rejoice with us and give Him praise and thanks that He has not left us without tokens of His gracious presence. We believe that the Lord has been working among us, and that His almighty power has quickened dead souls, and turned men from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. And surely this "conversion of the Gentiles" will cause "great joy unto all the brethren."

Two new stations have been added during the year, raising the number in the Swatow district to twenty-four. One of the new stations

is Pang-khau, lying about six miles from Kieh-yang, and, like the latter place, readily reached by the Gospel-boat. It is a small market-town, and forms a centre for a large number of villages. The congregation at Pang-khau, which carries off more than a half of the Kieh-yang congregation, is the fifth that has sprung from the original Kieh-yang one, founded twelve years ago. The five are: Mi-ow, Sin-hü, Soa-pa-kang, Hue-che, and now Pang-khau. To the building of the chapel at this new station the native brethren contributed between £25 and £30.

The other new station is that of Poih-buan, a market-town in the Hwei-chow prefecture, about twelve miles east of Toa-ua, to which place the earliest adherents from Poih-buan used to come to worship. In the spring of 1878, upon a visit from Mr. Mackenzie and Dr. Gauld, the worshippers obtained leave to secure a place near at hand, in which they might hold Sabbath worship for themselves, and be saved the heavy journey week by week to Toa-ua. Thirteen men met for worship in this place on the 19th of May last, and at the close of morning worship the eight who remained to cook their mid-day meal together were attacked by a crowd of men and women armed with knives, hoes, &c. Lip-tshun, the leader of the little company, was cruelly slaughtered, whilst of the others one Iong-heng was so severely handled that his life was for a while despaired of, and the rest were also shamefully beaten. In spite of the earnest endeavours of the brethren to move the Chinese authorities to act justly in this case, they have met with poor success, and the affair is still, after nearly a year, unsettled. But the persecuted brethren have borne up bravely, and one of their number, Iong-heng, was recently baptised.

It was a deeply interesting occasion, the receiving into the Church of Christ a man who, for Christ's sake, had already nearly lost his life—receiving him late at night in his own house in presence of a small company of fellow-worshippers, and of several of his heathen fellow-villagers. He is the first-fruits in the Poih-buan region, as far as the reception by baptism is concerned. May that region, where martyr-blood has been sown, yet yield an abundant harvest, to the praise of the grace and power of God!

In the Mi-ow region some cases of long-continued persecution, for which the brethren have been unable hitherto to secure any cessation or relief, claim the Church's special sympathy and prayers.

On the 18th of April, 1878, Dr. Gauld was privileged to open a new General Hospital of most commodious character. It has ample accommodation for 100 in-patients, and under pressure can receive, as it has already done, double that number. Special provision has been made for female patients, of whom, as the good name of the doctor and his hospital have spread from year to year, there is a steadily increasing number. At the same time a new Leper Hospital was opened, with accommodation for twenty patients; so that, so far as in-patient work is concerned, Dr. Gauld has now the largest provision for, as for a number of years past he has had the largest work amongst, this class of patients in China. The blessing of God continues to rest on Dr. Gauld's labours. Since the opening of the new hospitals, at least twelve of the patients have made credible profession of their faith

in the Lord Jesus, and have been joyfully welcomed into the Church. Nearly, if not quite, one-half of these are women, who owe much to the Christian teachings and kindly bearing of Mrs. Gauld and Mrs. Mackenzie. These ladies, owing to the proximity of the new General Hospital to the Mission Houses, have been enabled to add this hospital work to their other labours in connection with the Girls' Boarding School, and they are greatly encouraged by the results. Dr. Gauld's last published Report shows that during the year the number of new cases entered was 2448, of whom no fewer than 1163 were in-patients, the daily average of in-patients throughout the year being 88.

Dr. Gauld's period of furlough commences next year, and in view of that and the further extension of a work which has proved of such value to the development of the Swatow Mission, Dr. Alexander Lyall, of the Mildmay Mission Hospital, Bethnal Green, has been invited to join the staff at Swatow. Dr. Lyall has accepted the call, and there is good reason to expect that his ample professional experience and his familiarity with medical mission work will prove of the highest value in the foreign field.

The training of the Students has been carried forward as diligently as the exigencies of so large a field and the limited powers of two men to overtake its supervision would allow. Mr. Mackenzie, speaking of the present year, says—

> Our Students' class will, we hope, be considerably increased this year, and we eagerly long for the time when we shall have a more numerous and better-instructed staff of native preachers. We must more and more commit the care of the individual congregations into their hands. The Lord send us men whom He will be pleased to use!"

And again, speaking of the need of the native congregations of more adequate supervision, he says—

> Our chief concern in regard to those baptised by us is that they get so very little of that which they so much need—instruction in the Word. If many of them are ignorant, if many of them are weak and halting, and, their exodus notwithstanding, have still much of the "mud of Egypt" clinging to them, need we wonder? Though we may feel constrained to baptise, though we rejoice that the knowledge (very dim and rudimentary, yet real) of the truth is spreading abroad beyond our utmost endeavours adequately to follow it up, yet we cannot conceal from ourselves that there is risk and danger to the Church if the present state of matters continues. These converts from heathenism, men and women who are very babes in Christ, need far more instruction and supervision than it is possible for *two* missionaries to give them. Hence we again and yet again plead for reinforcement.

Mr. and Mrs. Duffus and Miss Ricketts reached Swatow at the beginning of December, and the charming letters of the latter show how heartily she is entering upon a field of labour for which she is manifestly so admirably qualified.

FORMOSA.

The Report of last year indicated eighty-one members as then under Church suspension, and it was mentioned that the names of a

considerable number of these had been brought forward from year to year, and would very likely have to be deleted from the new General Communion Roll. The union of the two branches of the Mission has enabled the brethren at Taiwanfoo to go into the matter of discipline more thoroughly, and thirty-eight of the above eighty-one having been found to have either returned to heathen practices, or to be continuing impenitently in notorious sin, have been formally excommunicated.

On the other hand, during the past year the Mission has had not a few tokens of the Divine blessing. There have been eighty-two additions to the membership; of these, fifty-one are males and thirty-one are females; thirty are Chinese, and fifty-two are Aborigines.

Of the thirteen deaths during the year, two are of men who were held in much esteem in the Church. Eng-ho, of Pe-taou, first heard the Gospel in 1866, in the little room at Takao which then served as a hospital. Naturally a gentle and teachable man, he received the truth readily, and by his upright and steadfast life adorned his Christian profession to the end. He was one of those who had to flee from Pe-taou during the severe official persecutions of 1868, and he suffered quite as much from the wrath of his old aunt, with whom he lived as a son, and who in her hatred of the new doctrines expelled him from her house. He bore all this patiently and quietly, and had ultimately the joy of seeing this aunt and also his own wife received into the membership of the Church. Mr. Ritchie writes—

Early in October, when passing through that district, I had an opportunity of visiting this family. I was grieved to find that our brother was suffering from the effects of a severe cold caught at Midsummer while working in the fields. As it was a busy time with the farmers, he had neglected it, and after a few months it had so affected his throat as to render it almost impossible to take food. I sent him down next morning to the Takao Hospital, and although he got every attention, it was evident, on my return ten days later, that his case was hopeless. He besought us to allow him to return home. The evening before he left us I inquired whether he had any message for Dr. Maxwell. He replied, in the closing line of the 24th Chinese hymn, "I hope to see him in heaven." Two mornings after he passed away, and his remains were followed to the grave by his fellow-members.

The other was a man whose name has more than once appeared in the missionary correspondence from Formosa:—

Doctor Tan, one of our A-li-kang deacons, was not content with embracing occasional opportunities, but through deliberate choice became a regular worker in the Master's vineyard. For several years before his death he conducted a service every Lord's-day in a village about three miles distant, proceeding thither in the morning and returning in the evening. As a native practitioner he had the largest practice in the district, and, after he was baptised, it was his custom to visit the poor gratuitously, and point the dying to the great Redeemer. Five of the twenty to thirty persons who were wont to meet with him have been baptised, and, now that he has passed away to his rest, his memory is green not only in the village where he laboured, but throughout that whole region. "The righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance."

One new station, that of Lau-chhu-tsng, has been added during the year. It is not quite four miles distant from the Hak-ka station of Lam-gan, and hitherto the Lau-chhu-tsng worshippers, to the number of thirty, of whom nine are members of the Church, have attended at Lam-gan. A difficulty of communication, by reason of streams which in summer are often impassable torrents, and a difference of dialect—the Lau-chhu-tsng villagers being Amoy-speaking Chinese, whilst the Lam-gan people are Hak-kas—have made it necessary to form the new station. Lau-chhu-tsng has already supplied one promising lad to the Training College at Taiwanfoo, and the worshippers are undertaking the erection of a substantial building as a church.

The Training College at Taiwanfoo is at present attended by twelve students, of whose diligence and progress the brethren speak with much satisfaction. "Altogether," writes Mr. Barclay, "we are very hopeful of this branch of our work. We feel that now at last we have made real progress towards the setting on foot of measures for the education of young men for the native ministry—a work the importance of which has all along been felt by the missionaries, even when circumstances prevented their doing much toward its accomplishment."

In the absence of a medical missionary, Mr. Ritchie, with the full approval of his brethren, "opened a dispensary in July for the relief of the numerous poor patients who suffered during the hot season from the prevalent diseases of the Tropics. Such remedies as quinine, iron, castor oil, &c., have been freely distributed to 2681 persons. The first half of every Tuesday and Friday has been devoted to this work." Mr. Ritchie received much assistance in this work from Kah-in, who, as Dr. Dickson's dispenser, had acquired considerable medical knowledge. The sum of 300 dols. was contributed by the Tau-tai and other magistrates of Taiwanfoo to meet the medical expenses of this dispensary. Their favourable disposition is ascribed to the influence of Dr. Dickson, who while in Taiwanfoo willingly rendered many kind offices to the authorities in time of sickness.

Dr. Anderson reached Taiwanfoo in January last, and is now busy with his Chinese studies.

During the year Mrs. Ritchie spent about five months at the out-stations. Her visits were everywhere welcomed by the women and girls associated with the Church, and at eleven out of the seventeen stations visited, she was enabled to introduce some 158 girls and women into the comparatively easy path of learning to read Chinese in the Roman letter. On her visit to the Sek-hoan stations, Mrs. Ritchie met with 121 women and girls who were already able to read, and this was no small encouragement to her to persevere in pushing forward so hopeful a work.

Evangelistic work has been pursued amongst the towns and villages lying to the north, between Taiwanfoo and Ka-gi, in which region our brethren would fain see more fruit of their labours than has yet been manifested. The out-door services have been steadily carried on in Taiwanfoo every Sabbath afternoon. Christian tracts and books to the value of 144 dols. have been sold during the year.

There are now seven day-schools in operation, attended by about a

hundred boys. Six of these schools are among the civilised Aborigines, in districts where there are few educational facilities. Steps have been taken to open a Boys' School at Taiwanfoo this year, with the view of making it a feeder for the Training College.

The Treasurer of the Formosa Mission, the Rev. David Smith, gives a most encouraging statement of progress in the amount of money contributed by the Native Church. For the year, exclusive of a sum of 510 dols. from the Native Christians to the Famine Relief Fund for North China, a truly noble contribution, there was given for Church purposes 828 dols., or 210 dols. in advance of the amount collected last year. The earnest and persistent efforts of Mr. Smith in this direction are bringing forth good fruit.

More than ever it is manifest that the fields in China are "white unto the harvest," and we cannot conclude this Report without anew entreating that much prayer may be made throughout the Church for the labourers now in the field, for the converts and congregations already gathered in, and that the Lord of the harvest would thrust forth more labourers into China.

H. M. MATHESON,
Convener.

STATISTICS OF THE MISSION FOR 1878.

	Communicants, 31st Dec., 1877.	Adults baptised in 1878.	Admitted to Communion, having been baptised in infancy.	Received by Certificate.	Restored to Communion.	Suspended in 1878.	Excommunicated in 1878.	Died in 1878.	Gone elsewhere.	Communicants, 31st Dec., 1878.	Children baptised in 1878.	Total baptised Children.	Members now under suspension.
Amoy	635	49	5	0	3	11	8	10	1	662	30	274	59
Swatow	532	92	2	1		18	0	9	0	603	26	169	65
Formosa	950	82	0	0		33	38	13	5	947	21	161	60
	2117	223	7	1	10	62	46	32	6	2212	77	604	184

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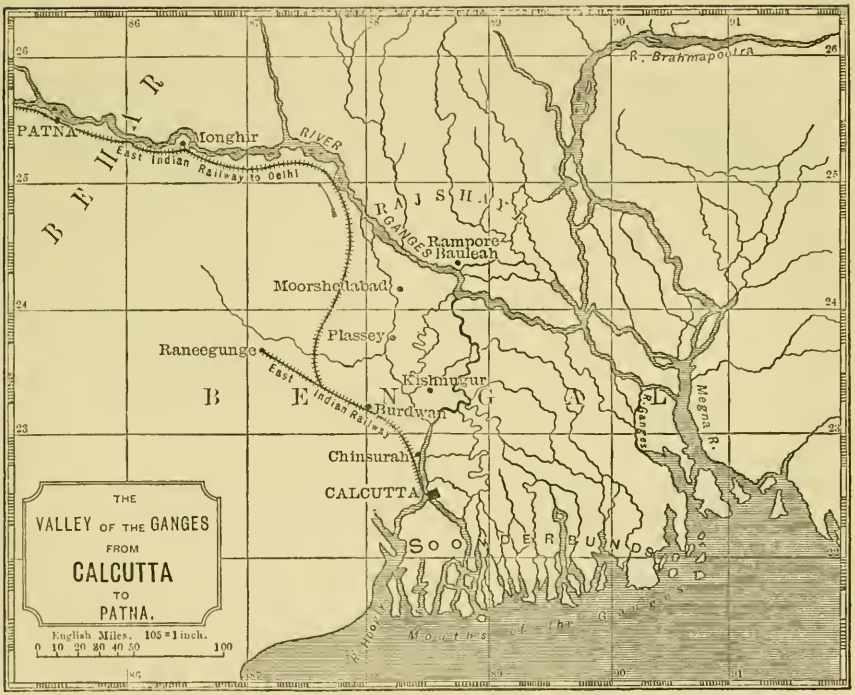
INDIA.

Station—Rampore Bauleah, in the District of Rajshaye, Bengal.

Medical Missionary—Dr. Morison.

Native Evangelist—Mohendra Lall Singh.



Rajshaye, the district in Bengal in which our Indian Mission is at work, contains a population of 1,310,729 souls. Its chief town and administrative head-quarters is Rampore Bauleah, on the north bank of the Ganges, with a population of 23,000, of whom 12,000 are Mohammedans, the rest being Hindus.

With the exception of its chief towns, Bauleah and Nattore (writes Dr. Merison), the district is almost entirely rural, the population being distributed among 4200 villages. Taking the whole district, we find that the Mohammedans form about 77 per cent., while the Hindus number only 23 per cent. of the entire population. Of this large rural population the great majority are employed in agriculture, chiefly in the cultivation of *rice*, which in this as in all other districts of India forms the staple food of the people. Many other important crops are reared in the District, as linseed, jute, hemp, flax, sugar-cane, tobacco,

mustard, &c., &c. The whole of India is supplied from this district with the narcotic drug called 'Bháng,' prepared from the Indian hemp. The district is also famous for the manufactures of silk and indigo; the banks of the Ganges on either side being studded with silk and indigo factories. These industries are carried on by British and Continental firms, and give employment to large numbers of people.

Arriving at Rampore Bauleah in January, 1878, Dr. Morison's first object was to establish a dispensary. This was opened in February at our "Rani Bazaar School in the centre of the town." A second dispensary, owing to the number of patients, was soon afterwards opened at the Doctor's own house, which is three miles from the town. Then the schools were resuscitated, and are now three in number, carried on with more or less efficiency.

From the beginning it was felt that the thirst for English education among the youth attending the Government High School (now a College) might be taken advantage of for Christ; and accordingly a Bible Class was opened at our dispensary, when a few of the more advanced English-speaking students attended and evinced great interest in hearing the Word read and expounded.

The following extracts, under various heads, from Dr. Morison's Report at the close of the year, will be read with interest:—

Dispensaries.—The dispensaries are two in number, and are each open twice a week for preaching and healing diseases. In addition to the addresses and reading of the Scriptures, the patients who are able to read receive portions of the Scriptures and tracts, while some are spoken to individually as occasion offers, or their diseases suggest. The majority of the Hindu population are so ignorant that they may be said truly to have no religion except caste, and the Mohammedans are so utterly destitute of instruction, so ignorant of the Koran and its teachings, that they are little removed from the grossest idolatry. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that among such our message should be received with apathetic indifference, neither arousing opposition when their own religious errors are exposed, nor eliciting more than a simple approval when the truth is presented to them. The patients are for the most part from among the poor of the town and surrounding villages. A few who are unable to come are seen in their own homes; some of these are females, inmates of the secluded zenanas, who reluctantly submit to be seen. One of these women was suffering from *corroding ulcers*, of a somewhat malignant type; but, though her constitution was much affected, and, owing to caste restrictions, little could be hoped for from improved diet, the disease was arrested and ultimately cured, to her great comfort and the joy of her friends, who had concluded she would not recover.

Fevers form the largest proportion of cases, especially towards the end of the rainy and beginning of the cold seasons (September and October), when they become almost universal. A curious case of spasm of the throat (œsophagus), as the result of fever, was brought to my house. The patient could not swallow even water, and was fast sinking for want of food. He was kept for three days at my house, fed daily with milk by means of a tube passed into his stomach, and finally made a perfect recovery. *Ulcers* flourish in this district, some of them attaining immense proportions; we have found them very amenable to treatment. *Skin diseases* are very common, but most of them yield readily to treatment. *Diseases of the eye*, contrary to our expectation, are not common.

In itinerating among the villages many cases suitable for hospital treatment

were met with, reminding us that until we have a hospital we cannot look upon our work as having attained that possible extent of usefulness implied in Medical Mission Agency.

The average number of patients at each dispensary on dispensing days was	34
The average number of females at each dispensary included in the above was	8
The *total* number of *new* cases for eleven months was	2400
The total number of cases *new and old* was .	6984

Schools.—The *Rani Bazaar* Boys' and Girls' School was opened in April. Instruction is given in reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar, geography, history, and Scripture knowledge. The Scripture lesson occupies an hour each day. The boys' section is taught by three teachers, two Christian and one Hindu. It has an average daily attendance of 41, the roll list now being 55. The girls' section is taught by two of the girls reared in our orphanage. There are 22 on the roll, and a daily average attendance of 14. These children are from among the poor, and vary in age from 5 to 13 years. They seldom advance beyond being able to read ere they are withdrawn from school. As the teachers of this school themselves need instruction, little can be expected in the way of results ; but now that the whole of the females are to be under Mrs. Morison's tuition and care, better things may be expected.

At the *Talaimari Boys' School* the number on the roll is 36, and the average attendance 25.

At the *Native Manse School*, which arose from the necessity of providing instruction for the orphan children, the number at present on the roll is 22, and the average attendance 18.

The *Sabbath School at Rani Bazaar* is attended by most of our Rani Bazaar and Talaimari scholars, and is taught by the Evangelist and the head teacher. It is conducted much like our home Sabbath Schools.

Orphanage.—It was established in 1866, and at one time had as many as 13 orphans. When taken over from Mrs. Singh it had 7 orphans, three boys and four girls. Two of the latter were married in June, Lydia to the teacher of the Native Manse School, and Kamini to his brother, a domestic servant. The third girl, Komyl, is now one of our female teachers, thus leaving three boys and one girl who are now living in the Native Manse under the care of the Evangelist and his wife.

Evangelistic Work.—This is carried on in and around the town by visiting local markets and bazaars, preaching and distributing books and tracts. In December, however, with the Gospel-boat, the villages on the Ganges N. and S. of Bauleah began to be visited, and it is pleasing to have to record that in almost every place we visited, the message was listened to with marked attention, and medicines received with evident gratitude. Seldom were our audience less than one hundred, and frequently above two hundred heard the Word proclaimed, and as many as could read received our books and tracts with avidity.

The Church has a Bengali service every Sabbath morning, conducted by our Evangelist, and occasionally an English service has been given, of which a few availed themselves. In the Native Manse a Sabbath evening prayer-Meeting and Thursday evening Bible-class were held for instructing the people belonging to the Mission. These were well attended, and we trust have not been without spiritual benefit. The number of adherents in the Church is 20 adults and 11 children ; of the adults three might be admitted to Communion.

There is little to add to the above. Incidents connected with the Mission work have been given from time to time in the *Messenger*. The marriage of Dr. Morison in November last has been a cause of much satisfaction to the Committee, as they have reason to believe that Mrs. Morison is one wholly consecrated to the Lord, and one who had years ago offered herself for Mission service in Africa ; and being a trained and certificated teacher from Scotland, she is now able to take efficient charge of the children in the Mission schools, besides being a help in other ways.

The Committee have now to recommend to the Synod that our India Mission be included with our China Mission as an integral part of our Mission work, and maintained out of the common fund. Hitherto the India Mission has not exceeded a cost of £500 a year, of which one half has been borne by private friends, leaving a charge of not more than £250 to be borne by the Church, but obtained from a very few Congregational Associations and Sabbath schools. The private support it is hoped will be continued, but to avoid a double agency in the collection of this small fund, as well as to draw out the interest of all our congregations in Mission work in India, this recommendation is now made to the Synod.

H. M. MATHESON,
Convener.

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REPORT OF THE JEWISH MISSION COMMITTEE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

GREAT as are the changes which the last fifty years have wrought in the political and social condition of the Jews, they have not brought them nearer to Christ, nor disposed them to lend a more willing ear to His servants. The political equality and social consideration now accorded to Jews in the leading European countries do not seem to abate the hatred and scorn with which each successive generation has rejected the Messiahship of Jesus and trodden under foot His claim to be the Son of God. Missionary work among them, never easy, appears to become more difficult, and their deep-seated pride, both of race and religion, grows with the growth of their political influence and social status. The contempt of Christianity, always entertained in their heart, now appears more openly, and is more freely and fearlessly expressed. But if, notwithstanding that the field is thus unpromising, and swept, so to speak, by the harsh winds of a winter that refuses to yield to spring, your agents have not only been enabled to sow in tears, but have also been privileged to carry home a few sheaves, we may give thanks to God, and they may take courage to do their daily work, while we and they together pray and wait for the time of the richer and fuller blessing. "For behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, the Lord our righteousness. . . Thus saith the Lord: If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant." *

Our London Jewish Mission, under our present able and much esteemed Missionary, Mr. Meyer, is now in its eighth year. The modes of working originally adopted to meet the special conditions of our work-field, having been approved by fuller experience and attested by the blessing of the Lord, have been continued without material change.

Your Committee feel that they cannot better bring before you the work of the past year than by presenting to you in a slightly abridged form an able and graphic report submitted to them by Mr. Meyer.

* Jeremiah xxxiii., 14-16, 25, 26.

The various branches of the Mission work (Mr. Meyer writes) are five :—

1. Visiting.—Three to four hours a-day throughout the year have been devoted by my assistant to visiting Jewish families in the East End, while I have myself spent, on an average, two to three hours a day in the same work, chiefly in the western and north-western districts. Occasional visits have also been paid to the south side of the Thames. Whatever may be the experience of British Christians when they enter Jewish houses, the Jewish missionary, especially if he be a converted Jew, finds it by no means easy to get access to them. Mockery, blasphemy, and abuse await him if he attempts to intrude. Doors must be opened and kept open by the Lord. To Him we give thanks that in a goodly number of Jewish homes we are free to bear witness to the truth as it in Jesus. In Jewish coffee-houses and restaurants, also, easy and abundant opportunities are afforded for commending to the guests Jesus as the Messiah promised to the fathers, and as the Way, the Truth, and the Life, by whom we come to the Father. Day by day also when we walk along Aldgate, Whitechapel, Mile End Road, &c., we get, without great difficulty, into conversations with Jews ; and, although, in that case, the conversation must start from some indifferent point, afforded by time, place, and circumstances, the one thing needful is kept in view, and a religious turn is speedily given to the conversation.

To the question—"What is the result of these visits and conversations?" it is difficult to give a definite answer. The cases where careless persons at the first offer of Christ give themselves up to Him and find peace are after all rare and exceptional. A more or less protracted seeking, a more or less earnest and painful conflict, generally precedes. In the case of Jews that conflict is much more protracted and severe. For, whether they live in the east or west of London, whether they be poor or rich, educated or uneducated, whether they still cling to the traditions of their Rabbis, or have cast off all belief in revealed truth and landed in the dreary regions of downright infidelity or of a rayless and lifeless Theism, in this *all* Jews agree—they reject the claim of Jesus to be their Messiah, they ridicule the ideas of the Trinity and all the doctrines connected with it, and they deny the possibility and reality of a true conversion in the case of a Jew. They may quietly listen to a Gentile Christian, pitying his ignorance, but out of respect or fear not replying to him; in most cases, indeed they will not even understand him, because they have no knowledge of what sin is, and hence don't feel the necessity of atonement, reconciliation, regeneration, and in consequence they give quite a different meaning to such expressions as "natural man," "new creature," etc. But when a converted Jew comes to them with the message of pardon and peace through a crucified Saviour, he is put down as a hypocrite and impostor, or as a lunatic. If, by the help and grace of God, all the prejudices of the Jew, in addition to those of every natural man, have been subdued and removed, then there arise other difficulties altogether peculiar to the Jewish inquirer, such as the painful severing of national, social, and family ties, the temporal misery and destitution staring the poorer ones in the face, while even the better-educated have before them years of hard struggle ere the respect and confidence of the new co-religionists can be secured, and a new social position can be gained. When all these circumstances are duly considered and weighed, the wonder is—speaking after the manner of men—not that so few are ready to come out and boldly confess Christ, but that any do so at all. Every truly converted Jew thus becomes a stupendous monument of the omnipotence of Divine grace.

As to the reception which we find in those visits, that depends upon a variety of circumstances. Often enough it happens that a volley of curses

and blasphemies are hurled at us when we enter a house, and in the end the inmates quietly listen and even express a desire to hear more of these things, while frequently, too, a visit which had begun hopefully ends in such a manner as to render a return to the house impossible. Upon the whole, however, we may be thankful for the encouragement given unto us in this department of our work. *There are three families the heads of whom are not far from the Kingdom.*

The observations made in reference to visiting in the houses apply also to the conversations held in cafés, restaurants, and in the streets. Several times my Assistant was exposed to the danger of being mobbed; but upon the whole we have been enabled, in this manner, to preach Christ to a great number, and some have been induced "to search the Scriptures whether those things are so."

2. The Reading Room has again proved a most valuable anxiliary to the Mission. It was upon the whole well attended, especially at the beginning of the winter. Although papers, tracts, and books, are on the table, and are always made use of by some, I have more than formerly favoured conversation, always giving it a religious turn, and very frequently an extemporised address was given, and quietly and respectfully listened to.

3. Meetings.—As in former years, three public meetings are held every week—on Sunday afternoon, and on the evenings of Wednesday and Friday. The two first-mentioned meetings are more of an Evangelistic nature, although in the choice of the subjects I do not lose sight of the Jews, of whom there are always a number present. While these meetings bring me into contact with a number of believing Christians, who thereby are induced to take an interest in the Jews, and who support me with their prayers, the Jews attending them like them better than meetings expressly got up for themselves. As there is nothing to stir up their peculiar Jewish prejudices, one obstacle to the reception of the truth is removed, and it seems they feel in them more of the power of the Holy Spirit. The meetings on Friday evening are, on the contrary, specially calculated for Jews, although a few of my Gentile hearers attend. I explained this winter the prophecies of Zechariah, which offered many opportunities for bringing before my hearers the nature of Christ's Kingdom and the claims He has upon their acceptance of Him and their allegiance to Him.

I was the first Missionary in London who introduced these Friday Evening Meetings; and nothing can prove better that they have been telling than the fact that, since the beginning of winter, the Jews too have got up Friday Evening Meetings for the exposition of Scripture.

The attendance at all these meetings varies very much; but upon the whole it has been very satisfactory, and I *know* that good has been done.

4. Inquirers.—The conversations with them and their instructors occupy a great deal of my time. The number of inquirers who, for a longer or shorter time, received special instruction in the truths of Christianity was this year greater than ever before, and amounted to 45. Of these 25 were either dismissed because their insincere and impure motives were discovered, or left London because they could not support themselves here; 4 were recommended to so-called Homes; three grown-up persons were baptised here in London, and one in Edinburgh, and 12 still remain under instruction, of whom two are so far advanced in their knowledge and experience of Christ that they will probably be baptised ere the Synod meets. Of the three who were baptised here full accounts were at the time given in the *Messenger*, and it is a great joy for me

to be able to add that, notwithstanding the severe trials they were called to sustain, they all continue steadfast, walking consistently and adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour. The one baptised in Edinburgh is the rabbinical student, Mr. Gerstenkraut, who received his first convictions at Strasburg through Dr. Fürst, the Free Church Missionary there, and after having stayed for some time at Amsterstam was for two months and a half under my care. He came here at a most critical period when, in consequence of various causes, the strength of the first impressions had begun to weaken. In several letters he thankfully acknowledges the good he got from me. Even to have done this much in helping on a soul on its way to Christ is a cause for rejoicing and thanksgiving.

5. Converts.—As far as my time and strength permit, I try to keep up my connection with my former converts by personal visits and by correspondence, for they are scattered and are scattering very much. By far the greater number of these walk worthily of the vocation wherewith they have been called, some of them being bright jewels in the Redeemer's crown. One of them is working with success and blessing as an evangelist in the Cape Colony; one is studying for the ministry in Edinburgh; one is preparing in Canada for being a missionary to South Africa; others are actively, although unofficially, engaged in the Lord's work.

Besides our own there are other converts who feel drawn towards our Mission; and although the thought of forming a Hebrew Christian Congregation is far from me, yet the anniversary of the opening of the Hall, which was commemorated in November, must have given to those members of the Committee who were present the conviction that their number is by no means small, and that, notwithstanding the heavy blow sustained in the preceding year, the Mission is in a healthy and prosperous condition, and has taken firm root.

Your Committee regret that they have not made much progress in the direction of extending the Mission by occupying some central position on the Continent of Europe, in conformity with the authority accorded to them by last Synod. The state of the Mission Fund does not, in their judgment, warrant as yet the establishment of a Continental Mission on the scale sketched in last year's Report. But they have much satisfaction in reporting that they have now the prospect, with your sanction, of speedily beginning work among the Jews in a Continental city.

It will be in the recollection of Members of Synod that reference was made by the Convener last year to a Jewish convert, Dr. Joseffy, formerly a Rabbi, who had been providentially brought into relations with your Committee. Several members of your Committee, who had become acquainted with Dr. Joseffy, and who had opportunities of forming an opinion respecting him, finding that he was both an able and learned man, and also an earnest and zealous servant of Christ, became strongly persuaded that he was specially qualified for work as a Missionary among his brethren, and that if appointed he would prove a valuable and efficient agent of our Church. The subject was fully and carefully considered. A Sub-Committee was appointed to make full inquiries regarding Dr. Joseffy's history and character since his conversion, to confer with himself, and specially to examine him on his views of the great doctrines of the Faith, as believed and taught by

our Church. That Sub-Committee reported that, in answer to inquiries, letters had been received from well-known Christian Ministers on the Continent, which gave decided testimony to the Christian character, ability, learning, and Missionary qualifications of Dr. Joseffy; and that the brethren who had examined him recorded their great satisfaction with the result, and their conviction that he was fitted by Divine Grace to be a useful instrument in carrying the Gospel of Christ to God's ancient people. Your Committee thereupon resolved that Dr. Joseffy should be continued till the meeting of Synod in the quiet but important work of bearing personal witness for the Lord Jesus to Jews individually, as opportunity should be given. It was believed that in this way Dr. Joseffy would become better known, and that he would gather that command of the English language, and that knowledge of our views and spirit as a Church which would be so important, if not indispensable, if, after this period of probationary service, he should be appointed to serve the Church as a Missionary agent abroad.

After labouring for some time in London, last summer, Dr. Joseffy visited Vienna, chiefly on family business; but he took occasion to bear witness to his brethren of the Messiah, whom he found in Jesus of Nazareth; and he presented on his return a graphic report of conversations held with them and others, both in that city and by the way. Some time after his return Dr. Joseffy spent six weeks in Liverpool, where he commended himself to several Ministers and office-bearers of our Church. We give a few extracts from his Report of his work in Liverpool, which will illustrate the mingled address and earnestness with which he deals with individual Jews, and which may help the Members of Synod to see what manner of man he is.

Of those who visited me at my lodgings I may mention a wealthy man from Alsace, intelligent and well versed in the Scriptures. We went to the English Synagogue and heard Dr. Joseph. His subject was the debt the world owed to the Jews. He maintained that but for the care with which the Jews had preserved the Scriptures, there would have been nothing in the world but darkness and falsehood. He further maintained that none of the religions which pretended to be based upon the Bible were founded on the truth, but on error, by falsifying the Bible, and by forgeries on the Bible, and asserted that none of those people really understood the Bible. On leaving the Synagogue, I was anxious to hear this man's opinion of what had been said. He began—"How ignorant these English Jews are, and how well this Rabbi knew it, when he could, before a large audience, make such statements as we have heard to-day! He did not quote Scripture more than once during the whole hour that he spoke (for it was merely a political speech), and in that one passage quoted he made a mistake." I told him that in England one might meet many Jews who did not possess a copy of the Scriptures, preferring to remain in ignorance rather than purchase an edition published by the Bible Society, because they had been taught to believe that it was falsified. I also showed him that just as the Pharisees in the time of Christ hid the Word of God from the people and brought forward their own traditions; and as the Romanists do to this day with their traditions of the fathers and their Mariolotry, so the Rabbis here in England keep the Word of God in the background. Their preaching on the Sabbath is mostly on secular subjects and the common topics of the day, and only occasionally do they make any reference to the Scripture.

I told him that since coming to England I had visited many Jewish booksellers' shops to find out what Scriptures were current among the Jews in this country, and I found that they have only the five Books of Moses in common use. That portion itself is very expensive, and costs as much as fourteen or fifteen shillings, and if accompanied by a translation could not be bought for less than a pound or twenty-five shillings. The consequence is that the people generally know very little about the Bible. Their great Jewish patriots such as Rothschild and Montefiore have not done what they ought for their poorer brethren in this respect, and as has been done in Germany. I said that probably they were afraid lest, if the people had the Bible complete, and were able to examine it fully, they would see clearly how the New Testament is the outcome and perfection of the Old. I recommended him to study the New Testament, and gave him a copy of Delitzsch's translation. Afterwards we read several portions together. He seemed very much interested, and frankly confessed that it was the true outcome of the Hebrew Scriptures, but said it was difficult for him to realise that the Scriptures were the very words of God. I entreated him to ask for Divine guidance, and told him of Franke, the founder of the Pietists in Germany, who was once such a sceptic that he doubted at times the very existence of God, but he prayed that God would destroy him if He refused to reveal Himself, he was so unhappy without a sense of His presence. God heard his prayer, and he became one of the brightest lights of Christianity that Germany has ever seen. This story made such an impression upon the man's mind that he begged me to pray with him, so we knelt down together, and I besought God to reveal Himself to him also. He visited me several times after this, and though suffering from heavy losses in business, he continued to show his sincerity and earnestness in seeking after the true riches.

On one occasion, as I entered a house to which I had previously sent a tract, a woman assailed me with a kettle of boiling water, and threatened to pour its contents on me if I did not leave the house. A young man who lodged there took my part, and said that I had come to visit him. He invited me into his room, called in his fellow lodger, and as soon as I had entered, locked the door. At first I was rather apprehensive of danger, but was soon ashamed of my unbelief when I saw him go to a desk, unlock it, and bring out a New Testament, some passages of which he asked me to explain to them. He assured me that he had meant no harm, but had locked the door to prevent any disturbance, as his landlady was a fanatic, and there were many more Jews in the neighbourhood. I spent nearly two hours with these young men, preaching Christ to them, and explaining passages which they did not understand. When I left they accompanied me out of the street, and promised to come and visit me at my lodgings, as they did several times, but when the holiday season came on they left Liverpool, and I did not see them afterwards. At one time I had four inquirers who came to me daily. One of these, a glazier in very humble circumstances, greatly interested me. He was convinced of the truth of Christianity, but being to some extent dependent upon his wife's relatives, who are bitterly hostile to the Gospel, he was afraid openly to profess his belief in Christ. I was very much grieved to be unable to do anything to help him, as I am satisfied of his earnestness and sincerity. His wife came to my lodgings several times and abused me, and also attacked me in the street, accusing me of bringing ruin upon her family, by seeking to alienate her husband from his friends. I tried to convince her that if he was sincere, and followed the convictions of his heart, he would be a better husband to her than ever, and God would not forsake them.

Finding that the state of the funds does not warrant the establishment

of a Continental Jewish Mission on the scale sketched in last Report, your Committee have resolved to recommend that Dr. Joseffy should be sent forth alone, for the present, and that the sphere of his labour should, meanwhile, be the large Jewish population of the Austrian Capital. While willing to go wherever the Church may see good to send him, he is specially desirous to be stationed as a witness for Christ in Vienna, in which he held at one time an honoured place among the Jewish community as a Rabbi. Your Committee were not a little impressed by this desire, bespeaking as it does no ordinary courage and self-denial; and believing that there is ample room for another labourer among the eighty or ninety thousand Jews of that great Capital, they resolved to recommend that it should be given effect to by the Synod.

It is not deemed necessary to burden this Report with a detailed statement of the manner in which it is proposed to conduct this work, or to direct and guide the Agent. These may be left for oral explanation, or to the discretion of the Committee under any general instructions which the Synod may see fit to give in their deliverance on this recommendation.

Your Committee regret to report that there is a serious falling off in the Fund this year, as well as in the number of Congregations contributing to it. While the revenue is £294 less, the expenditure is £244 more than last year. Although the Committee do not doubt that a good many collections will yet come in, and that the revenue will prove adequate to the maintenance of the present Missionary Staff, they regard it as by no means satisfactory that this serious falling off should occur in the face of the resolution to enlarge the operations of the Mission. They do not doubt, however, that when circumstances seem ripe in Providence for entering on the larger enterprise that has been for some time contemplated, the Church will respond to the call for the necessary Funds; and meanwhile they venture to urge respectfully but earnestly that prayer may be made without ceasing for the rich blessing of the God of Israel on our own and on all Missions to the Jews, and that the blessed time may be hastened, of which all the Prophets have spoken, when, the veil being removed from their hearts, they shall see and acknowledge Jesus, whom their fathers crucified, as both Lord and Christ.

In name of the Committee,

ROBERT TAYLOR,
Convener.

[*For Financial Statement, see under* "ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH," *at p.* 210.]

REPORT OF THE CONTINENTAL COMMITTEE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

That the light of the Gospel is penetrating many of the dark places of the Continent is now becoming year by year more apparent.

Of late our attention has been chiefly directed to France, in consequence of the International Exhibition, where, alongside of all the magnificent productions of Art and Science, the circulation of Bibles and Testaments of tracts and Gospel portions has been carried on on a scale quite unprecedented, yet without the slightest hindrance; while the daily preaching of the Gospel, and other efforts of an auxiliary character, have been attended with many tokens of the Lord's blessing. But this has not been the only ground of our special interest in France. The plan of Mission rooms for the poor, like those opened by Mr. McAll in Paris, with such wonderful results, has been extended to Lyons and Marseilles with similar blessing, and others are to be opened in Toulouse. To these rooms the people flock to hear the Gospel, and the favourite revival hymns at once become attractive and are soon familiar. Again, the remarkable conversion of one of the most eminent Freethinkers of France, and his calling the people everywhere to receive the Gospel as the only means of deliverance from the bondage of Clericalism, is pregnant with great results, as also is the publication of a Protestant Journal for the Million, in connection with this movement; and further that all these undertakings should enjoy the protection, under the providence of God, of a strongly established Liberal Government may well fill our hearts with thankfulness and hope. But the opportunity must be taken advantage of, and the workers encouraged by our sympathy and our prayers.

From France we naturally turn to Belgium, as a French-speaking nation, and here, too, even to a greater degree, we find the people prepared to receive the Gospel. The visit of the Rev. R. H. Lundie as a deputy to the Synod of the Belgian Missionary Church last summer was greatly appreciated by them, and his excellent articles, which have since appeared in the *Messenger*, giving us an insight into the interesting condition of the converts, deserve our warmest thanks. A sentence describes the whole case, when he says:—

> "As I went from house to house and looked on one beaming countenance after another, I thought it true once more, 'there was great joy in that city.' Nor does one see any reason why, if men and means could be found, such blessed work might not be indefinitely extended over whole provinces in Belgium."

There is, indeed, a most painful deficiency in the means at their disposal, and we are earnestly entreated to consider and relieve them.

As our notice of the work is necessarily brief, we pass on to Spain. In promoting the Gospel in this country we have been in the habit of assisting the Spanish Evangelisation Society as the most fitting channel for our Church. The commercial depression in Scotland has placed this Society in unusual difficulties, while on the other hand the openings are increasing. The hon. secretary writes : —

> From the advancing interests of the Gospel, more missionary itinerancy is imperatively required, and we have no money for travelling expenses. The Rev. Henry R. Duncan has been urgently called upon to undertake an important missionary tour in districts where his evangelical services are greatly needed and would be much appreciated.

It is also stated that from many towns and villages in the province of Andalusia there is an earnest and persistent cry for the Gospel. At Cadiz Señor Hernandez has greatly expanded his work, having opened six new minor Missions in and around that town, in addition to four previously carried on in connection with his Congregation. He has also a great deal of encouragement in his Congregational work. From other parts of Spain we have accounts of progress. Mr. Armstrong, a well-known evangelist in the north of Spain, writes :—

> I gather that the whole Gospel work in Spain is now sharing in blessing. In common with others we have to thank God for what has been granted to the portion which He has committed to our care. The Valladolid Church, and the wide Missions in connection with it in the Asturias, are prospering.

From Barcelona and its neighbourhood, from Santander and its neighbourhood, from Zaragossa and its neighbourhood, there are also good accounts. But there is much priestly opposition, and in some cases painful persecution. Yet it is found that the Madrid Government is willing to give a certain measure of tolerance when appealed to.

In Portugal the progress of the Gospel continues hopeful, and there is considerable liberty, except in outlying districts, where there is much ignorance and bigotry. The Rev. Robert Stewart, whose Mission work we have aided in former years, has lately opened a second Mission station in a populous district of Lisbon, in which large Congregations assemble both on the Lord's Day and on week-days, and in connection with each place of worship there are two schools well attended; while district meetings are conducted in other parts of the city either by the Evangelist Carvalho, or by a member of Mr. Stewart's Congregation. He hopes soon, if funds will admit of it, to engage a second native Evangelist.

From Italy the accounts of progress are excellent. The Waldensian Church Missions have during the past year admitted 300 new members, chiefly from the ranks of Romanism, and the number of communicants is now 2530. In addition to the usual operations, tours of Evangelisation have been made with marked success and encouragement; while the amount contributed by the members for all purposes during the year, a significant sign of progress, was £1735; this, notwithstanding the bad times, is a large sum. In Sicily, whose population is perhaps more degraded than that of any other part of

Italy, we hear of an excellent work by two Evangelists, Varnier and Scuderi, who are themselves natives of Sicily and converted priests; there is also the work of the Waldensian Mission, through which 341 communicants have been gathered out of Romanism, and between three and four thousand people brought under the sound of the Gospel.

Similar progress is reported by the other Churches and Societies engaged in Mission work in Italy, although we have no details. It is interesting to observe that while in 1848, or thirty years ago, no Evangelical Mission was possible, and the Bible was a book prohibited by the Church of Rome, now there are, it is believed, 7000 communicants connected with the different Missions, and an outer circle variously estimated at from 30,000 to 50,000 attending the services.

In conclusion, although it is satisfactory to observe that the contributions have increased a little compared with former years, the number of Congregations taking part in this collection enjoined by the Synod is, we regret to say, miserably small. We cannot attribute this to any disinclination on the part of the Christian people to give, but rather to a mistaken apprehension on the part of the Minister or of the Deacons' Court lest this appeal, in addition to others, may dishearten or impoverish their people. For our part, we cannot doubt that if they will allow their people the opportunity of giving, there will be a cheerful response according to their ability; yielding to the Continental work most valuable aid, and to the givers an increased enjoyment in the grace of liberality.

The following grants have been made by the Committee for the past year, viz.:—

BELGIUM:—	
Evangelical Society of Belgium	£60 0 0
FRANCE:—	
Evangelical Society of France	35 0 0
Evangelical Society of Geneva	35 0 0
ITALY:—	
Free Church of Italy	30 0 0
Waldensian Church	40 0 0
SPAIN:—	
Evangelical Society of Spain	40 0 0
	£240 0 0

Total available ..	£264 2 7
Grants	240 0 0
Balance in hand	£24 2 7

JOHN G. WRIGHT, *Convener.*
D. MATHESON, *Treasurer.*

[*For Financial Statement, see under* "ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH." *at p.* 211.]

REPORT OF THE COLLEGE COMMITTEE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

Your Committee have the satisfaction to report to the Venerable the Synod that the Theological College has passed through another year of fair prosperity, as well as of quiet and steady usefulness.

1. The Synod of 1878 having been pleased to appoint the senior Professor—the Rev. Peter Lorimer, D.D.—to be Principal of the College, and to form the present staff of Professors into a *Senatus*, your Committee, in terms of its instructions, has fixed the *honorarium* to be attached to the Principalship at the sum of £100 *per annum*. It has also to report that it is informed the *Senatus* held its first meeting by appointment of the Synod on 31st May, 1878, and has since held several meetings as the calls of College business required. It would be well if the Synod would define the relations of the new *Senatus* to the College Committee, so far as to indicate whether in future the *Senatus* is to report any matters it may deem of consequence directly to the Synod, or through the medium of your Committee. The Committee has had under consideration the 5th Article of the Constitution as instructed by last Synod; but is not yet in a position to make any recommendation on the subject, and would therefore suggest that the remit of last Synod be renewed.

2. The following third year's Students leave the College this spring, after passing the Exit Examination; and as soon as they shall have received license, they will be at the service of the Church for the active work of the holy ministry:—

Mr. Thomas Anderson.
Mr. William Dryborough.
Mr. George Henry.
Mr. Duncan Macrae.

This leaves on the College books the names of the following gentlemen:—

First Year.

Mr. Cook.
Mr. Gardner.
Mr. Kidd.
Mr. Smith.
Mr. Stenhouse.
Mr. Watters.

Second Year.

Mr. Eades.
Mr. Fairbairn.
Mr. Hall.
Mr. Hardie.
Mr. Jeffrey.
Mr. Jelen.
Mr. Mole.
Mr. Slade.
Mr. Weatherstone.
Mr. Whitmore.

It will be seen that six students were admitted at the opening of last Session after the usual Entrance Examination. It is only right to state that the candidates for admission continue to come mainly from the undergraduate classes of Universities, and that the standard of scholarship is being well maintained. Your Committee have been gratified by receiving from time to time the most satisfactory accounts of the diligence, progress, and good conduct of the students in attendance.

3. The following list will show at a glance what scholarships, literary or theological, are now at the disposal of your Committee, and the present holder of each :—

I. Undergraduate.

1. Duncan	.. ..	held by Mr. Alexander McClellan.
2. Hamilton	.. ..	,, ,, D. S. MacColl.
3. Robertson	.. ..	,, ,, James Peddie.
4. Anderson	.. ..	,, ,, J. T. Middlemiss.
5. McKerrow	.. ..	,, ,, Samuel Holmes.

II. Theological.

First Year.

1. Leslie	.. ..	held by Mr. Frank C. Whitmore.
2. Newcastle	.. ..	,, ,, Thomas Stenhouse.
3. Muter	.. ..	,, ,, J. Douglas Watters.

Second Year.

1. Gillespie	.. ..	held by Mr. George Henry.
2. Crichton	.. ..	,, ,, William R. Thompson.
3. Muter	.. ..	,, ,, Alexander Jeffrey.
4. Ordinary	.. ..	,, ,, Henry P. Slade.

Third Year.

1. Muter	.. ..	held by Mr. William Dryborough.
2. Ordinary	.. ..	,, ,, Thomas Anderson.
3. Ordinary of First Year		,, ,, D. Macrae.

4. Acting under the instructions of last Synod, your Committee again arranged for the delivery of a course of Apologetics in connection with the Barbour Chair during the Session just closing. These were delivered as follows :—

1. Rev. William Graham :
   Subject—"The Theistic Argument and Pantheism."

2. Rev. Dr. Kennedy Moore :
   Subject—"Materialism and Secularism."

3. Rev. Gavin Carlyle, M.A.,
   Subject—"Evidence from Prophecy and Miracles."

4. Rev. Dr. Macleod :
   Subject—"Internal Evidence."

As the students of the third year had attended the lectures of the

previous Session on Homiletics and Pastoral Theology, no appointment for that subject was made. The thanks of the Church are due to the brethren who held the lectureship of Apologetics and whose instructions, it is understood, were highly valued.

5. Mr. George B. Bruce having generously renewed his grant of £20 for a course of practical instruction in Bible reading and pulpit delivery, the *Senatus* made choice of the Rev. H. C. Wilson, M.A., Minister at Eastbourne, to conduct the course, extending over ten lectures of two hours each. Mr. Wilson has had much experience in conducting such classes, and his instructions have been greatly appreciated by the students.

6. The following is the report of the Resident Professor, the Rev. John Gibb, respecting the resident students :—

I have pleasure in reporting to you that during the Session now drawing to a close, I have had reason to be entirely satisfied with the condition of the household. The house regulations have been carefully and conscientiously observed, and the utmost harmony and good feeling have prevailed.

The students appear to me to have made excellent use of their time, and to have prosecuted their studies with diligence.

The Theological Society has been carried on as usual, and a number of interesting papers were read by the students themselves. A Missionary Society was also commenced this Session, and it is hoped that such a society will foster the interest of our students in Home and Foreign Missions.

In obedience to the suggestion of the Committee on a former occasion, I have omitted from this report an account of the work done in my classes, which was similar to that of former years.

7. The extensive alterations and additions made in the house during 1877-8 having occasioned a subsidence in one of the bedroom floors, which, by the removal of a wall, had been left insufficiently supported, it became necessary to introduce additional girders into the ceiling of the College and Presbytery Hall. This has been done (though at considerable cost) in a way which neither reduces the dimensions of the Hall nor renders it unsightly. Although there are now fifteen bedrooms available for resident students, the demand for accommodation is already become greater than can be met, and your Committee has had to consider what steps should be taken in the event of a further increase in the number of our students. They have empowered the House Sub-Committee, should it be found needful, to provide suitable accommodation outside for students joining the Hall next autumn, who would otherwise be in residence, with a preferential claim to rooms inside the House whenever these fall vacant.

8. When last Report was presented in 1878, it was expected that the permanent MS. catalogue of the College Library would soon be in the hands of the Committee fully written up. Various causes delayed the completion of this work. It is now finished in a style which reflects great credit on the painstaking care of the Rev. John Reid, junior, of Gosforth, by whom it had been voluntarily undertaken; and your Committee have deemed it due to that gentleman himself, a former student in our Hall, to offer him a honorarium of twenty guineas in acknowledgment of this valuable service. By next winter Session it is

hoped that students will enjoy the advantage of a guide to the contents of the Library, or at least of its more essential portions, which will be at once accurate and easy of reference.

9. Your Committee has been greatly assisted by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Eastbourne, in the preparation of a handbook of information for intending students, giving the most necessary particulars of study, curriculum fees, scholarships, &c., not only in our own Theological Hall, but also in all the Universities and Colleges of the United Kingdom. The sheets of this Manual will probably be sufficiently forward to be laid on the table of the Synod.

10. The spring course of lectures, which have now for a number of seasons been delivered in the College Hall to young men connected with Presbyterian Churches in London, were this year delivered by the Rev. A. B. Grosart, D.D., of Blackburn, and have since been issued from the press. The subject was "Representative Nonconformists, with the Messages for To-day of their Life-Work," and the lectures, which were of much interest, attracted large and attentive audiences of young men. Your Committee has pleasure in announcing that Dr. Legge, Professor of Chinese Literature in the University of Oxford, has kindly consented to be the lecturer of next season, and has selected for his subject "Confucianism and Tâoism in their Relations to Christianity."

11. Finance. It will be noticed from the accounts of the Church that the financial year closed with a balance in favour of the College of £740 17s. 8d. As, however, the various salaries are payable at Lady Day, your Committee requested a supplementary statement to be added, bringing the College account down to the end of March, at which date it will be seen that the balance was virtually £58 12s. 2d.

In submitting to the Venerable the Synod this Report on a year of uneventful but prosperous College work, the Committee venture to hope that this important central institution, so essential to the progress and spiritual well-being of the Church, may attract to itself from year to year in increasing measure the prayerful sympathy and support of all our Congregations. Let frequent mention be made in public as well as private prayer of the Profoessors and of the students. Let pastors and parents do what they can to encourage capable and godly youth to study for the ministry. Let material assistance be provided for the maintenance of students during their curriculum. And let the whole Church offer on their behalf continual supplication that the Spirit of Wisdom and of Grace may lead them into all truth and defend them against all error and richly qualify them in after years to feed the flock of God which He hath purchased with His own blood.

J. OSWALD DYKES,

Convener.

[*For Financial Statement, see under* "ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH," *at p.* 212]

REPORT OF THE COLLEGE TRUSTEES,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

It will be seen that the income of the College Trust as presented in the present account* continues about the same as last year. The Trustees have closed the account for alterations to the College Building so far as they are concerned, but they regret that an amount of over two hundred pounds will have to be paid to the builders out of the College income during the current year for the completion of the repairs.

From the Union Thanksgiving Fund the Trustees have received £283 6s. 6d. as against £1058 last year, and hope for a larger amount of aid from this Fund in the future.

The Rev. Mr. Scott having expressed a wish to be relieved from the responsibility of holding any Bank Shares, his request has been granted; but as one of the original Trust he consents to remain a Trustee.

The investments are as follows :—

In the names of
JOHN JOHNSTONE,
WILLIAM BALLANTYNE,

31 Shares in the Oriental Bank Corporation.
52 Shares in the Imperial Bank.
26 Shares in the London Joint Stock Bank.
53 Shares in the Union Bank of London.
£4000 London and North Western Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.
£3600 Great Western Railway 5 per Cent. Preference Stock.
£940 Great Western Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.
£324 Great Western Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

And in the names of
JOHN JOHNSTONE,
HUGH MACKAY MATHESON,
CHARLES EDWARD LEWIS,

£1200 London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.
£1000 Great Northern Railway 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock.

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
Convener.

**See Financial Statement, under* "ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH," *at p.* 218.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

Among the instructions given to the School Committee by last Synod were the following:—To ascertain and report the entire number of Schools in connection with the Congregations of the Church; the number of Scholars attending the same respectively, with the relative proportion in each who have passed the Examinations of the Government Inspectors; and also in how many of the Schools the Teachers are competent to instruct in Latin, Greek, and Mathematics.

In order to carry out these instructions the Committee drew up and issued to all the Congregations of the Church a Schedule of Queries, under two heads:—(1.) Queries addressed to all the Congregations of the Church; and (2.) Queries addressed to Managers of Schools which are in receipt of Grants from the School Fund. In reply to these Schedules only eighty-three returns have been received, this small proportion being, no doubt, owing to the number of Day Schools connected with the Church bearing so diminutive a proportion to the number of its Congregations. Of these returns, again, two-thirds are of a negative character, either because the Congregations making them have no Schools at all, or because the few Schools they have are not placed under Government Inspection, which has long been one of the indispensable conditions of Schools receiving aid from the School Fund of the Church. Schools of this rudimentary class are returned from Burton and Cleator Moor.

Four returns have come in from Schools which are self-sustaining, in the sense of not receiving Grants from the School Fund, viz.:—Grosvenor Square Church, Manchester; Hamilton Church, Birkenhead; Morpeth, and Wooler. These Schools are all, in different degrees, in a prosperous and efficient condition, and their Masters are all qualified to teach two or more of the higher branches, viz.:—Latin, Greek, and Mathematics.

Of Schools in connection with the School Fund, the following ten are returned as having Teachers able to give instruction in two at least, if not three, of the higher branches, viz.:—Tweedmouth, Horncliff, Crookham, Ancroft Moor, Bavington, Kieldar, Falstone, Hott, Risley, Ramsbottom. These ten Schools, added to the four named above, present a list of fourteen out of the whole number of Schools at present connected with the Church which provide the means of obtaining for our youth the elements of a higher education, so far as the qualifications of their teaching staff is concerned; a state of matters on which the Church is to be congratulated, and of which she may well be expected to avail herself in the interests of what is understood by Secondary Education

—as the connecting link between School and College training. She owes to her School Fund in part, as well as to the liberality of Government aid, this remarkable rise in the qualifications of her Teachers; and it is much to be desired that she should turn this state of her Educational resources to further account than she has ever yet done.

It was with a view to prepare the way for such a further extension of Secondary Education in the Church's Schools that the Committee judged it expedient to ascertain to what extent the Managers of our Schools would be prepared to co-operate with the Church for this end. For this reason they included in their Schedule of Special Queries the following:—

1. Could the Teacher of your School, with the sanction of the School Managers, arrange to carry on a class for the study of the higher branches during the ordinary school hours?
2. If not during the ordinary school hours, could he arrange to teach such a class daily after the dismissal of the other classes?
3. Would the Managers consent to present annually to the Government Inspector for examination the members of this advanced class in such of the higher subjects as are included in the Regulations of the Committee of Privy Council?
4. Would the Managers consent that the Annual Examination of the School by the Presbytery should extend to this advanced class, and that the results of this Examination, as well as of the Inspector's Examination, as attested by the Presbytery of the bounds, should be annually transmitted to the School Committee?

The Answers returned to these Special Queries have in every instance been entirely satisfactory—a fact which reveals the cordial readiness of all parties connected with the Schools to give encouragement and co-operation in carrying out this design.

The *conditions* under which it would be necessary to administer the School Fund in this new direction have been already indicated in the two last of these Queries. They are these: (1) that no capitation fees should be paid by your Committee to Teachers for pupils in these higher branches unless the latter pass the Examination of the Inspectors from year to year; and (2) that no such payment should be made unless the Presbytery of the bounds examine from year to year those pupils who have been passed by the Inspector, and certify to the School Committee their own satisfaction with the result of this examination, along with the fact of the Inspector's Pass, and the names of the pupils who have obtained that Pass.

These conditions appear to the Committee to be fully adequate to secure a wise and beneficial application of the School Fund to the special object here contemplated.

The outlay of the Fund in this new direction need not be very great. The Teachers' remuneration would accrue in part from the ordinary School fees for the higher branches, in part from the Government Grant

for these branches, which, however, is at present far from liberal, and in part from the Grant of the Committee. In these circumstances, perhaps a fair maximum of grant on the Church's part would be 10s. annually per head for Latin; 15s. for Latin and Greek, or Latin and Mathematics; and 20s. for Latin, Greek, and Mathematics. These payments to be conditional on the Committee being satisfied with the amount of time allotted in Schools to the several branches of study, and to be liable to reduction if at any time the Committee shall see cause to reduce them.

The ordinary Grants made by the Committee for the present year are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Aston Tyrrold	10	0	0
Risley	17	10	0
Ramsbottom	10	0	0
Wharton (Mixed)	12	0	0
Wharton (Infants)	10	0	0
Hott	12	0	0
Falstone	8	0	0
Kieldar	10	0	0
Crookham	17	10	0
Tweedmouth	17	10	0
Branton	10	0	0
Bavington	15	0	0
Horncliffe	14	0	0
Ancroft Moor	17	10	0

In name of the Committee,

PETER LORIMER,

Convener.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF SCHOOLS.

I.—SCHOOLS ON THE FUND.

	On the Roll.	Passes.	Higher Branches.
Ancroft Moor	45	24, 17, 13	Latin, Greek, Mathematics.
Horncliffe	100	59, 52, 37	Latin, Mathematics.
Tweedmouth	126	37, 18, 5	Latin, Greek, Mathematics.
Crookham	63	18, 10, 16	Mathematics.
Bavington	35	25, 22, 26	Latin and Mathematics.
Kieldar	40	25, 21, 20	Latin and Mathematics.
Hott	54	22, 21, 16	Mathematics.
Falstone	59	24, 16, 13	Latin, Greek, Mathematics.
Wharton (Mixed)	115	96, 86, 71	Latin.
Wharton (Infants)	153	22, 21, 15	
Ramsbottom	139	62, 53, 27	Latin.
Risley	165	62, 50, 48	Latin, Greek, Mathematics.
Aston Tyrrold	36	16, 15, 12	

II.—SCHOOLS NOT ON THE FUND.

	On the Roll. Average Attendance.	Passes.	Higher Branches.
Morpeth	167	321	Latin, Greek, Mathematics.
Wooler		Five-sixths of whole No.	Latin, Greek, Mathematics.
Manchester (Boys') ...	93	58, 42, 42	Latin and Mathematics.
Manchester (Girls') ...	116	61, 49, 34	
Birkenhead	170		Latin, Greek, Mathematics.

[*For Financial Statement, see under* "ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH," *at p.* 219.]

REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

Your Committee, in submitting their Report, have not so much to record action on their own part as to lay before you the doings of others, and invite attention to that department of Christian work which is being undertaken, it may be with considerable weakness and many errors, but yet with much of prayer and faith, to bring the knowledge of Christ and of His salvation to the young of our own Communion as well as to the young of other or no denomination who come within the reach of our influence. The accompanying Table exhibits the more prominent facts connected with the work and the workers, as well as the measure of progress vouchsafed to us during the year :—

Presbyteries.	Sabbath Schools.						Senior Classes.		Teachers' Preparatory Classes.	Schools in which Shorter Catechism is used.	Schools in which "Children's Records" are issued.	Added to Membership of Church from Schools and Senior Classes.
		Teachers.		Scholars.								
	Number of Schools.	Number of Teachers.	Teachers who are Members of Church.	Scholars on Rolls.	Average Attendance of Scholars.	Children of Parents belonging to the Church.	Teachers.	Pupils.				
Berwick ...	21	180	162	1418	1099	1173	13	370	3	16	13	31
Birmingham ...	19	292	232	3262	1833	553	22	333	5	15	12	23
Bristol	11	181	158	1983	1507	679	8	235	2	5	7	58
Carlisle	14	188	150	1769	1239	995	9	241	2	8	8	33
Darlington ...	31	420	340	3573	2644	1723	15	466	14	16	15	21
Liverpool ...	53	1042	925	10199	7715	4225	39	729	35	34	27	48
London	78	1478	1192	14838	10833	4128	77	1537	18	35	48	85
Manchester ...	35	675	520	6437	4709	2085	20	643	4	22	20	131
Newcastle ...	71	1054	786	9187	6316	3205	35	904	14	50	24	65
Northumberland	23	175	157	1565	1131	1277	11	147	4	16	11	22
Totals, 1878 ...	356	5685	4622	54231	39026	20043	249	5605	101	217	185	517
Totals, 1877 ...	372	5589	4611	53093	38410	20541	248	5149	71	199	181	494
Totals, 1876 ...	348	5381	4364	51185	37266	20721	217	4510	57	189	168	539

The progress, it will be observed, has not been very great, but we are disposed to look upon it as on the whole fairly satisfactory. It is not

within our power to tabulate the whole of the work being done, nor to make an estimate of the good accomplished, for much is being done outside the accustomed and regular work of schools and classes, and bread being cast on the waters which can only be found after many days.

Some of the facts brought out by the returns made to your Committee are deserving of especial notice. The first of these we would allude to is the marked increase of the number of pupils in *senior classes*. We have as a Committee more than once advocated the cause of these classes and endeavoured to show how important they are as stepping-stones between the School and the Church, covering the most perilous time in youth, when the strongest temptations are presented to draw away those who have been under the influence and receiving the instruction of our teachers into the vanity and sin of the world; and how important also as normal schools for training those who, in the near future, are themselves to be teachers of the young, and securing them for the cause of Christ, and we are now the more gratified to find that their importance is being recognised and their number increased. That there ought to be such a class in connection with every Congregation in the Church we are persuaded, and would again urge that with us they become a regular part of the machinery of each Church, for every pains should be taken to conserve our strength in this direction, and the future of the Christian cause have our best consideration. Your Committee are also pleased to be able to report that *the means for training and instructing Teachers* themselves in their work are being multiplied and increased, as the foregoing Table and a reference to the statement of work being done in each Presbytery will show. This is a point of paramount importance, as all who have been engaged in Sabbath-school work for any length of time will at once admit. Owing in a great measure to the operation of the Elementary Education Act, the character of the material upon which we have in most Schools to work has undergone a great change. Formerly we had a large amount of ignorance to contend with, and much of a teacher's time was employed in supplying that kind of initial knowledge which was considered essential before subjects of a graver and more important kind could be satisfactorily grappled with. Now the children in most parts of the country come to us in a great measure prepared and ready to our hand, the denser ignorance removed, the intellect sharpened. It follows that to deal satisfactorily with such children a better trained class of teachers is necessary, and hence it is desirable that in senior classes and in classes or meetings for preparing and instructing teachers every pains should be taken to equip those who have the work of Sabbath-school instruction to do, to do it in the best possible manner. Your Committee are glad to report that active measures are being taken or considered in some of the Presbyteries in this matter, and hope that throughout the Church a lively interest will be taken in it. In our larger cities or centres there can be no great difficulty in instituting classes for the teachers, to be instructed by Ministers or experienced laymen with the necessary qualifications, and in other places the address at the weekly Prayer Meeting, the Minister's Class, or other opportunities may be employed

with advantage for the end in view. Your Committee are aware that this question has been taken up by the Sunday School Union, and that in many of our towns our teachers enjoy the advantage of connection with that Union and participate in the benefits it confers. We seek to impress upon those who have not such institutions already the desirableness of having them as early as possible.

But whilst thus urging the importance of having every teacher thoroughly equipped for his work, it is a source of gratification to your Committee to find that in a large majority of our Schools the Teachers recognise the only source of true success in their work, and at the Throne of Heavenly Grace ask in their *Prayer Meetings* for the Divine blessing on their labours. That some schools have no such meetings is surprising. Surely nothing can be more appropriate than at the close of the work in the School the labourers should implore the blessing of the Lord of the Harvest on His own work.

In addition to the usual work in Sabbath Schools there is a considerable amount of time and labour bestowed throughout the Church, both on the Lord's Day and week days, in extending Christian influences and inculcating morality amongst the young. We hear of *Children's Services* being very successfully carried out in various quarters, and that by their means many young people are kept off the streets and brought within the sound of the Gospel; that *Bands of Hope* are doing a happy work in instilling temperance principles and habits, and of other agencies at work for instructing and guiding the young in the ways of Wisdom, to mention which in detail would occupy more space than can be spared.

The extent to which our office-bearers are engaged as Superintendents of Schools has been elicited, and we find that of these 48 are Ministers, and 174 Elders; a good many Deacons and Managers also occupy that position. And this leads us again to draw attention to the recommendations we made last year, and which your Venerable Court endorsed, viz.:—

(1.) That Sessions be responsible for the admission as well as the dismissal of Superintendents and Teachers;
(2.) That each School be under the supervision of the Session; and
(3.) That in order to exercise this supervision, a member of Session be from time to time appointed to visit and report upon the state of the Schools.

We have during the year made inquiries on this point, and whilst we are unable to give in any summarised form the information we have gathered, it may be said that there is a lamentable want of that vital and active connection between the Schools and the Sessions which certainly ought to exist in a Presbyterian Church. We are glad to find that, in a good number of cases, the recommendations have been adopted in whole or in part, and that in other cases, although the form of the recommendations has not been adopted, there is the spirit, in that the Session is largely doing work in the School; but we again respectfully urge that the connection is one that ought to exist in form

as well as spirit, being in every way consonant with the genius of our Church.

Your Committee have directed inquiries respecting the means taken to look after absentees from the Schools, but have elicited no information that can be of much practical use. In most Schools the absentees are understood to be looked after by the teachers, in some special visitors are appointed to do the work, and in many there is no regular provision. We believe that this work is best done by the teacher, and that the teacher who neglects it loses the opportunity of extending his influence and strengthening his hold on his pupil. Nothing is better adapted to show the pupil that his teacher has a real interest in his welfare than to find him seeking him in his own home, inquiring about him, and exhibiting concern in all his affairs. An opportunity is at the same afforded of securing the sympathy of the parents, and their co-operation with the teacher in the spiritual advancement of the child should not be lost.

Your Committee have also gathered information about *Libraries* connected with the Schools, and are glad to be able to report that in the majority of the Schools there are such, and that they are used by a considerable proportion of the scholars. There are many Schools, however, without this valuable adjunct, especially Mission Schools. The following extract from the Report presented to the Newcastle Presbytery, expresses the feeling generally prevalent amongst teachers and conductors of Sabbath Schools on this subject—

> Attached to the Schools are 27 Libraries, containing 8745 books, and used by 685 readers. This subject of Libraries seems to demand rather more attention than it has hitherto received. The power to read is being now widely extended by the School Boards, and with the power to read, a taste for reading must also grow. It is, therefore, expedient that books of a sound vigorous healthy tone be provided, at least, for the Mission Schools. For the children attending these Schools the opportunity of getting such books is often very limited, while the temptation to buy sensational and pernicious literature is great, and the means of obtaining such of too easy access. It has been repeatedly suggested by teachers that a sort of circulating library should be instituted, and sets of books lent out to schools according to their respective needs.

We would only add that if at some future time a reliable catalogue of books of the character desiderated in the foregoing extract could be prepared and circulated, it would prove a boon to many who have to choose books for School Libraries, and who are often much misled by titles, and at a loss to know where to find exact information. The influence of literature on the young is one of the most potent factors we have in these days to deal with, and the attention of the Church cannot too early be seriously directed to it.

The need of more suitable accommodation for our Schools has long been felt in many quarters, and complaints have reached your Committee that, whilst provision has been made for the public worship of the Congregation in many instances, even at this time of day, no consideration has been given to the provision of proper rooms for the

children and young people. In some parts of the country the one provision is considered as essential as the other, and we are urged to direct the attention of your Venerable Court to this important subject. The report to the Newcastle Presbytery says:—

Your Committee are glad to find that the Churches are beginning to awaken to the necessity of providing better School accommodation. In most cases hitherto, the only place of meeting has been the church or an ordinary hall, each of which is ill-fitted for the purposes of teaching. But during the last year three Congregations, viz., those of Walker, St. George's, Sunderland, and Laygate, have erected halls specially adapted for Sabbath School classes.

Hartley Street Mission new School is described as having—

Splendid accommodation; the large room capable of holding 400 pupils. There are separate rooms for young men and for young women, as also for an infant class, which is attended by 120 children.

The London Presbytery's Committee has also the following:—

The Sabbath School Committee of the Presbytery of London beg respectfully to draw the attention of the Synod to the very inadequate accommodation provided for Sabbath Schools connected with Congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery (and they fear elsewhere). Classes are crowded into one room, whilst senior classes and infant classes are not infrequently relegated to corners of the church. Such arrangements are destructive of discipline, and are serious hindrances to effective teaching. They suggest that Congregations generally be addressed on the subject, calling their attention to the importance and necessity of making more suitable provision as means and opportunity permit, and that the Synod particularly instruct the Church Building Committee to have regard to School accommodation and class-rooms in plans submitted by Congregations asking grants in aid of building.

The following particulars respecting the work being done in the various Presbyteries will doubtless be interesting:—

Berwick Presbytery.—Returns have been made by all the Schools within the bounds to the Presbyterial Committee, and show a falling off under all the principal heads of our inquiries, but not to such an extent as to preclude the hope that by a little extra zeal the lost ground may be regained during this year. No special reasons have been given to us for the decline, and it appears to have been general. The Congregations being for the most part rural the schools are, as might be expected, small; but it is gratifying to observe that in almost all there are large senior classes, the number of pupils in one (*Wallace Green, Berwick*) being as high as eighty-seven. It may also be noted here, although the Ministers take the superintendence of half the Schools, the Elders distinguish themselves in taking a practical part in the work, five of them being teachers in the Spittal School, seven in the Wallace Green Schools, and three in each of the Belford and Beaumont Union Schools.

Birmingham Presbytery.—Returns have been made by all the Schools here, and exhibit small falling off in the number of teachers; the scholars on the books, however, are more than 600 above the number on the rolls last year, but as might be expected, when a larger number of children has to be looked after by a smaller staff of teachers, the attendance in the Schools has decreased 200. There is a gratifying increase in the number of pupils receiving

instruction in senior classes. In one School there is a monthly examination on certain questions in the Shorter Catechism, and rewards are given for the best answers. In the report submitted to the Presbytery, it is stated that at Stafford there is a Sabbath School Clothing Fund, the amount collected in pence averaging from £150 to £200 per annum, and that at Burton six class-rooms are in course of erection to meet the increasing attendance. At the latter School a weekly prayer meeting for girls has been held during the year, conducted by the Superintendent and several ladies, and it is hoped that one for boys may be commenced shortly.

Bristol Presbytery.—Here, also, a decrease in the number of teachers, an increase in the number of scholars, and a falling off in the attendance is reported; the most encouraging feature in the statement being the large number of 58 added to the membership of the Church from the Schools. Out of that number, 40 are *sailor boys* attending our School at Plymouth, who by Divine grace have been led to own allegiance to their Saviour. The Congregations in this Presbytery being for the most part far distant from each other, it is found practically impossible to have a Sabbath School Committee, but when the returns have been collected the results are laid before the Court by our corresponding member, and a conference for discussing the subject is held.

Carlisle Presbytery.—The reports received here are not on the whole of an encouraging character, there being fewer Schools and a reduction in the number of teachers and scholars; the only redeeming feature being an increase in the number added to the Church from the Schools (33 this year against 21 last). An encouraging statement is, however, made in connection with the Schools at Carlisle, there being large senior classes at both of these, one numbering 80, the other 78. As a Presbyterial Committee has now been appointed, we may cordially join in the hope expressed by its Convener, that something to purpose will be done by it before the time arrives to make another report.

Darlington Presbytery.—Here an increase in the number of teachers is reported, but a falling off in the number of scholars, whilst the attendance of the latter remains about the same. There is an increase of about 100 in the number of senior class pupils, but eight fewer additions have been made to the Church membership. The senior classes in connection with the Darlington Congregation number 110 pupils, taught by four teachers. It is stated, in the Report submitted to the Presbytery, that in connection with one Congregation there are two special children's services with an attendance of 120; also that one Minister holds a conversational meeting fortnightly in his own house, to which teachers and young men of his Congregation generally are invited, and which is believed to assist teachers in their work and to be greatly helpful in many ways. Another Minister has a class for young people of fourteen and upwards, for the study of the "Pilgrim's Progress," attended by sixty, and he hopes that by this means the bridge between the Sabbath School and the Church has been discovered; the same brother reports that there have been during the past year many manifest cases of spiritual quickening in one of his Schools.

Liverpool Presbytery.—It is reported here that the number of teachers remains about the same as last year, but that the scholars are about 800 fewer; the attendance, however, does not show a corresponding falling off. The pupils in senior classes are more in number than they were, and in several of the Congregations these classes are large, Islington standing at the head with a class of 130, Canning Street having one of 67, and the Union Church one of 56. The varied agencies at work in connection with some of the Schools may be illustrated from the Report from Grange Road, Birkenhead, where a children's

service is held every Sabbath forenoon on the plan of the Glasgow Foundry Boys' Society, attended by from 40 to 60 children; a Band of Hope, a Magazine Society, and a Penny Bank are also in operation at the Mission School. A Conference was held by the Presbytery with the teachers in November, at which an able paper was read, and many useful hints thrown out, as to the best mode of interesting the children in Mission work. At that Conference there was a good deal of reasoning after an excellent address on the advisability of establishing classes for the training of teachers. As a result, arrangements have been made for opening such a class in Liverpool in September next. The subjects for study during the first Session will be Biblical Criticism, Biblical Interpretation, and the Geography of Bible Lands. It is hoped that this class, which will be established as an experiment, will be eminently successful, and that many of our teachers and senior scholars will avail themselves of its benefits. In closing this Report to the Presbytery the Committee express the opinion that, on the whole, the facts brought out in the returns are most gratifying, and rejoice that such a great work is being effected by our Sabbath Schools among the young, who are after all the hope of the Church.

London Presbytery.—Excepting in the number of Schools, which, so far as the returns show, are reduced from 86 last year to 78 this year, all the figures received are indicative of increase and growth here. There are nearly 100 more teachers engaged in the work, above 1400 additional scholars on the rolls, 1000 more in attendance. There is also an increase in the number of pupils in senior classes, and more have been added to the membership of the Church than in the year preceding. It is to be regretted that several Congregations are still without Sabbath Schools. The Schools connected with Regent Square have the large number of 1445 scholars on their rolls, and as many as 131 pupils of senior classes. At Highbury, Clapham, Marylebone, there are also Schools of great numerical strength, and at Jersey the exceptionally large number of 185, and Clapham Road of 150 senior pupils are returned. The Presbytery's Committee has been endeavouring to bring about a closer connection between Sessions and their Sabbath Schools, but have not met with that measure of encouraging success which they hoped for. They have tried the experiment of having model lessons or lectures on the art of teaching, but are not quite satisfied with the results, and suggest a further consideration of the plan of meetings for the training of teachers.

Manchester Presbytery.—A few of the Schools here have made no returns, but the information collected by the Presbytery's Committee exhibits a gratifying increase in all the leading particulars, there being 50 more teachers, a slight increase in the scholars, a larger increase in the attendance, a very marked addition of nearly 300 pupils in the senior classes, and also a greater number added to the Communion rolls of the Church out of the Schools. The system of supervision by visitation and examination has been continued. The following is an extract from the Presbytery's Committee's report:—

"Your Committee have had their attention drawn to several matters, partly by means of the Suggestion Column in the Schedules, one or two of which seem deserving of mention.

"I. It has been suggested that the *Messenger* might be utilised for the explanation of the questions in the Shorter Catechism, four or five being taken up in each issue, according to the number of Sundays in the month. The Presbytery will remember that while there are copious notes on the Scripture lessons there are none, so far as your Committee are aware, on the Shorter Catechism.

"II. The Psalm and Hymn Book published by Nisbet and Co. for Sunday Schools has been found in several cases to be quite unsuitable for use, owing to the music not being harmonised. Your Committee would suggest that your Representatives on the Synod's Sunday School Committee should call attention to this defect.*

"III. As the difficulty of getting fresh supplies of suitable books is considerably felt in some of our Schools, it is submitted to the Presbytery whether it might not be advisable that a general circulating library should be formed by the Schools jointly, for the purpose of letting out quantities of books for a given time at a moderate rate."

Newcastle Presbytery.—Here the work continues to make satisfactory progress, for although the staff of teachers remains as before, they have succeeded in drawing a larger number of scholars into the Schools and in securing an increased attendance. There is also an increase in the number of pupils in senior classes and in the addition to the Church Membership. Connected with some of the Congregations there are very large senior classes, of which we may mention: Trinity, Newcastle, 196 pupils; Northumberland Square, North Shields, 77 pupils; Ellison Street, Jarrow, 70 pupils; and Smyrna Church, Sunderland, 69 pupils. The Presbytery's Committee attribute the satisfactory position of Sabbath School work partly to the superintendence now exercised by the Presbytery, and state that in several instances the thanks of the teachers have been expressed for the action taken by the Presbytery in the matter. The system of visiting the Schools has perhaps been carried out more thoroughly in this district than elsewhere, and it is reported that 71 Schools have thus come under supervision during the year, those omitted being the smaller Mission Schools and some of those situate in the country, for which it is often difficult to make arrangements. Seventeen visitors accomplished the work.

Northumberland Presbytery.—Returns have not been received from all the Schools, but those to hand do not show any very marked change since last year, excepting in one or two particulars, notably a decline in the attendance of scholars of 80, and of senior pupils of over 100. The latter is the more to be regretted, since in the year preceding there was an encouraging increase under that head. No Presbyterial Committee has been appointed here yet, but we understand the work of oversight is to receive the attention, and the religious instruction of the young generally that consideration, which the Court may deem suitable.

The amount collected for Missionary purposes throughout the Schools during the year exceeds £1900.

Your Committee cannot help feeling that they have only very meagrely succeeded in describing the interesting and important work they have had under review, and they have but feebly advocated the vital questions to which they have alluded. They are, however, encouraged by the knowledge that their labours have not been fruitless in the past, and that the cause with which they are associated is year by year receiving more attention and exciting deeper sympathy in this Church. They therefore again commend the whole subject to your

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* A harmonised edition of *Psalms and Hymns for Children's Worship* has been recently published by Messrs. Nisbet & Co.

earnest and sympathetic consideration, believing that the more keenly the work is looked into, the more assistance will be given in it; that it is a work blessed at both ends; that it is a work claiming the prayers of every believer. Your Committee in conclusion would say that they greatly desire to see the Courts of the Church taking the instruction of the unbaptised members as well as the uncared-for children who attend our Schools more and more under their supervision, and that the less that remains for this Committee to do outside the recording of accomplished facts the better will it have fulfilled its proper functions.

JAMES ROBB,
Convener.

REPORT OF SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

Your Committee are thankful that, after what has been felt to be an extremely critical and difficult year in the history of this important Fund, they are in a position to report that it has been found possible once more to continue the payment of an equal dividend of £200.

The Synod is aware that in former years the ordinary and natural revenue of the Fund has not proved sufficient of itself to provide so large a dividend, its payment having only been rendered possible by the generosity of friends who subscribed specially to the Fund to make up the deficiency at the end of the year. In the year 1878 the difficulty caused by this existing inadequacy of ordinary revenue was still further enhanced by the reception on the Fund of the great body of aid-receiving Congregations from the United Presbyterian side of the Church, causing an addition of £2484 13s. 5d. to the amount of direct aid needed, while it was still, of course, uncertain how far the stronger Congregations on the same side of the Church might be able to contribute towards this. And the Fund had to encounter these difficulties in a year of unprecedented commercial depression, by which many of our Congregations were directly, and some of them very seriously, affected.

In this position of affairs your Committee felt it necessary to consider carefully whether it was really their duty to persist in the struggle to maintain the equal dividend at a figure which was felt to involve a severe strain on the resources of the Church. The result of their deliberations was a very decided conviction that it would prove, for various reasons, little short of a serious disaster were the dividend allowed to fail at this juncture; and it was resolved to put forth every effort to maintain it at the figure of £200, at which it had stood for the two preceding years.

In order to give your Committee time to take the necessary measures to develop the ordinary revenue of the Fund, and also with the view of supplying a want which had been long felt, a few generous friends of the Church were good enough to subscribe a Reserve Fund of £2000,* which they placed at the disposal of the Committee "with the understanding that while the Committee should have power to

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* Increased since this Report was adopted by the Committee to £2300.

appropriate the whole or any portion of it to meet any temporary emergency, any appropriation so made should be restored when the position of the General Fund renders this possible, so that the sum may constitute a permanent Reserve Fund to facilitate the work of the Committee." Thus encouraged, your Committee lost no time in putting themselves into communication both with Congregations and Presbyteries, with a view to evoke sympathy and liberality on behalf of the Fund. The response has been, upon the whole, decidedly encouraging. The majority of the Presbyteries have, at the request of the Committee, appointed special Committees to watch over the interests of the Fund. Many of our Congregations have shown commendable liberality. Though it has been impossible to finance the year without drawing very largely upon the Reserve Fund, your Committee rejoice to be able to report that the amount of the overdraft has not been proportionally greater for the Congregations requiring to be aided on the United Presbyterian side of the Church than for the others, the stronger Congregations on that side of the Church having exerted themselves to provide the additional aid rendered necessary in a manner highly creditable to them. And though £1577 17s. 6d. will no doubt seem a large sum to have been drawn from the Reserve, your Committee are of opinion that, in the peculiar circumstances of the case, this was really *not more*, it was possibly *less*, than might have been anticipated.

Your Committee are further glad to say that this sum is not to be taken as representing the amount of deficiency in the ordinary revenue of the Fund requiring to be made up in the present year. On the one hand, certain charges that came against the Fund in 1878 are not likely to come against it in the present year; while, on the other, the Subsidy from Scotland will yield somewhat more this year than it did in 1878. Your Committee think that an addition of about £1000 to the ordinary revenue of the Fund would enable it, with economical management, to meet all the claims that will fairly come against it. It would be a great satisfaction if, by one general and resolute effort on the part of every Congregation in the Church, this addition could be once for all accomplished. Your Committee have communicated with every Presbytery on the matter, drawing their attention to the fact that an average increase of £4 or £5 in the contributions of all our Congregations would give us all that is needed, and urging them to adopt energetic measures with the view of each accomplishing its own part in a movement to raise the additional sum required. Some of the Presbyteries have already cordially responded to the proposal, and it is to be hoped that the movement will be taken up throughout the whole Church.

There are one or two points connected with the practical working of the Fund to which it seems of some importance that the attention of the Church should be at this time specially directed.

1. The first of these is the necessity for each Congregation making its arrangements so that its contributions to the Fund may be spread as equally as possible over the four quarters of the year. The extreme difficulty experienced in financing the Fund under present arrange-

ments will be seen from the following statement of the receipts and payments for each of the quarters of last year :—

1878.	Receipts.	Payments.	Total Deficiency at End of Quarter.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
First Quarter	8,661 12 4	9,384 15 8	723 3 4
Second ,,	8,176 12 9	9,694 17 8	2,241 8 3
Third ,,	8,793 16 1	9,192 19 1	2,640 11 3
Fourth ,,	11,035 19 8	9,973 5 11	1,577 17 6
Year ..	36,668 0 10	38,245 18 4	

In consequence of the inequality in the quarterly contributions to the Fund so strikingly exhibited by this statement, your Committee were compelled, notwithstanding their possession of the Reserve Fund, to borrow money in the course of the year, which entailed a charge upon the Fund of £6 6s. Should the same inequality characterise the remittances for the present year it is obvious that, with the Reserve Fund reduced to £422 2s. 6d., it will be necessary to borrow much more largely, and to incur a proportionally heavier charge for interest, even though the total remittances for the year may be perfectly adequate to the requirements of the Fund. There are, no doubt, Congregations to which this inequality in their remittances is unavoidable ; but surely the great majority of our Congregations might, by a little effort, make arrangements that would enable them to overcome the difficulty. By so doing they would render a valuable service to the Fund.

2. A second point requiring attention is the necessity for a faithful observance of their engagements on the part of Congregations receiving aid from the Fund. Your Committee are far from complaining of the spirit generally manifested in this respect by the Congregations of the Church throughout the past year. On the contrary, there is evidence of an honest and earnest desire on the part of the great majority of our Congregations to meet their engagements to the Fund faithfully and fully. A number of cases have occurred, however, in which Congregations have seemed to regard themselves as in no degree bound by the arrangement on the ground of which they were received on the Fund, and have remitted considerably less without deeming it necessary to consult the Committee, or make any explanation whatever on the matter. Your Committee think it ought to be clearly understood that it is no part of the end contemplated by the Sustentation Fund that Congregations should feel themselves relieved of all responsibility for any definite portion of their Ministers' stipends. The engagements into which Congregations enter with the Sustentation Fund are of exactly the same character as those they would enter into with their Ministers directly, were there no such Fund; and no reason that would not be regarded as sufficient to cause them to fall short of their promise in the one case should have that effect in the other. If Congregations having

direct engagements with their Ministers find themselves getting behind in their finance, they will ordinarily put forth timely and energetic efforts to rectify matters. They should certainly not be less conscientious because a Synodical Fund has been created to share with them, on certain conditions, the responsibility of their Ministers' stipends. And should unforeseen circumstances in any case arise, involving insuperable difficulties, it is plain that the Congregations affected must not quietly ignore the previous arrangement, but must come to the Committee and explain the circumstances, with a view to a re-arrangement of the basis on which they are to have a place on the Fund.

3. Finally, your Committee are strongly impressed with the conviction that in a very large proportion of Congregations the special organisation on behalf of this Fund required by the Church is in a very defective condition. In some cases, indeed, there is no special organisation at all. Were all our Congregations as careful in this matter as a few here and there are, and were all our Office-bearers equally careful to see that the revenue thus derived was used with a due regard to the claims of this Fund, there can be little doubt that it would soon rise above all its difficulties.

Your Committee desire to draw special attention to the Tabular Statements which will be found in the Appendix. The *first* of these is the usual detailed statement, showing the position in relation to the Fund of each Congregation connected with it. The other two furnish analyses of the same, one classifying the whole 268 Congregations composing the Church in 1878, in the order of their Presbyteries, according to the special character of their relation to the Fund; the other showing the amount of *aid* needed and given within the bounds of each of the Presbyteries.

Your Committee desire also to draw attention to the fact that, owing in part to the unification of the financial and secretarial management of this and the other Funds of the Church, and in part also to the scrupulous care with which they have striven to economise their resources, the whole expense of management last year did not exceed £598 12s., being 1·6 per cent. on the whole amount distributed. The Sustentation Fund of the Free Church of Scotland is worked at an expense of 1·23 per cent.; but the Free Church Congregations are all participating Congregations, making the whole amount distributed considerably more in proportion, and rendering the per-centage of expense so much less. Were all our Congregations participating, in like manner, the total expense would not be in the slightest degree increased, while the per-centage of expense would probably be quite as low as in the Free Church. Yet all must be aware that the expense of organisation must be relatively greater in a small Church than in a large one, since the same machinery to a large extent must be maintained in both. Your Committee are moreover sanguine that the working expenses for the current year will be still further diminished. At the same time it must be borne in mind that the benefits secured by this expenditure include far more than the collection and distribution of money. No mere set of figures can exhibit the degree in which the organisation connected with this Fund tends to weld the Church

together, and to promote both order and comfort throughout our borders.

Your Committee were instructed by last Synod to consider, in conjunction with the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Committee, the question of more adequate retiring allowances to Ministers, together with three cases of Collegiate Charges, viz.:—Hartlepool; Cheviot Street, Wooler; and Smyrna, Sunderland. In terms of the report of a joint Sub-Committee of the two Committees, which both have adopted, your Committee have now to report as follows, viz.:—

1. In regard to the general question, the two Committees have found themselves unable to offer any suggestion beyond recommending the use of all wise measures to develop the present Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

2. As regards the special cases, they recommend as follows, viz.:—

(*a.*) In regard to Hartlepool, that, in consideration of the fact that the senior colleague there has been for the last thirteen years in receipt of an annuity of £45 from the Congregation, the Synod sanction the continuance of this payment out of their Congregational funds, provided that the contributions to the Sustentation Fund are not allowed to fall below £155, the sum on the basis of which the Congregation was placed on the equal dividend platform on the 11th of February in last year.

(*b.*) In regard to the Congregation of Smyrna Church, Sunderland, which provides a retiring allowance of £70 out of Congregational funds to the senior minister, but has been careful to remit to the Sustentation Fund not less than £177 10s., the total amount they contributed towards stipend before the settlement of a colleague, that the Synod likewise sanction this arrangement.

(*c.*) The case of Cheviot Street, Wooler, did not seem to require any recommendation to be made to your Reverend Court.

Pending the final decision of the cases of Hartlepool and Smyrna Church, Sunderland, your Committee have accepted remittances at the rates indicated, and they are happy to be able to state in regard to the latter that the Congregation has taken its place since the beginning of 1879 as a self-sustaining Congregation.

In connection with the general question of the relation of Collegiate Charges to this Fund, your Committee agreed to recommend to the Synod to enact that Presbyteries should not grant moderation in a Call to a colleague in the case of any Congregation receiving aid from the Sustentation Fund without consultation and agreement with this Committee, with a view to the protection of the interests of the Fund; all cases of difficulty to be referred to the Synod.

Your Committee beg further to submit the following additional regulation, as, in their judgment, rendered highly desirable by the recent Union and the well-known fact that there are several districts in which the united Church has now more separate and independent Congregations than are really necessary; viz.—"That in the event of the occurrence of a vacancy in an aid-receiving Congregation situated

in the immediate vicinity of one or more Congregations, the Presbytery within whose bounds such Congregation is situated shall not proceed to the settlement of a new Minister without prior consultation and agreement with this Committee in regard to the necessity for retaining such Congregation as a separate and independent charge, and, if it shall seem expedient, the use of all prudent means to effect a union between the vacant Congregation and a neighbouring one; cases of difficulty to be referred to the Synod."

Last Synod also instructed your Committee to reconsider the following proposed regulation; viz. —"That, to avoid complication, Congregations in the second class and giving supplements be recommended, in the case of new settlements, to make arrangements so that the total stipend shall be understood to consist of the equal dividend *plus* the supplement allowed, the fixed sum being thus the amount of supplement rather than the total stipend." Your Committee have to report that, having reconsidered said proposed regulation, they are still of opinion that it is desirable that the principle involved in it should be adopted by the Synod.

Your Committee were authorised by last Synod to consider whether it would be possible to consolidate the whole of the Synodical legislation in regard to this Fund in one complete scheme. This matter has also received their attention, and they present the result of their deliberations in Appendix D at the close of this Report, adding in their proper place, within brackets, those provisions which are now proposed for adoption.

It will be remembered that a regulation was adopted at last Synod to the effect "that the minimum contributions from all sources which aid-giving Congregations be expected and encouraged to send to the Sustentation Fund, shall be adjusted by negotiation between the Committee and each Congregation, subject to the sanction of the Presbytery, on a common basis applicable to the whole Church." Your Committee felt it incumbent on them in consequence of the passing of this Regulation to consider the question of a common basis for aid-giving Congregations, and now submit the Report of a Sub-Committee appointed to formulate a scheme on the matter, which was adopted by the General Committee as expressing their judgment on the whole question:—

The Sub-Committee have carefully considered the matter remitted to them, and beg to report as follows, viz.:—

1. It seems impossible to find any common basis for aid-giving Congregations that will not be found more or less faulty when applied to some particular cases—in a certain class offering perhaps too easy a standard, in others one too difficult. Any common basis, therefore, that may be agreed upon must be regarded rather in the light of a general line of suggestion than in that of a rule to be applied mechanically. Moreover, it must be carefully remembered that it is only intended to suggest a *minimum* standard, which it should be the aim of all not only to reach but to exceed, and which it may be expected that many Congregations will count it both a privilege and a duty really to endeavour to exceed in a large degree.

2. The Sub-Committee have further come to the conclusion that no single test of the power of aid-giving Congregations to contribute for Sustentation

Fund purposes can be found, on the whole, so equitable as that furnished by the income which such Congregations find themselves severally able to provide for their own Ministers.

3. They have also come to the conclusion that the fairest way of applying this test is to consider, not the total income provided for the Minister, but the excess of that income over the minimum stipend recognised by the Church, as indicated by the amount of the Sustentation Fund equal dividend. It seems to them that so long as a Congregation gives its Minister nothing beyond the amount of the equal dividend, though the Committee must, of course, receive thankfully any contribution they may see good to make to the Fund, such a Congregation will not ordinarily be in such a financial position that the Committee could fairly propose for it any definite rate of contribution. On the other hand they think that whenever a Congregation finds itself in a position to provide its Minister with an income in excess of the minimum stipend of the Church, it is reasonable that it should also take into consideration its duty to the general ministry of the Church, so as to become in some equitable proportion aid-giving.

4. Finally, the Sub-Committee have come to the conclusion that the proportion in which such aid should be given will not necessarily be the same throughout. As a rule, Congregations only able to increase the income of their Ministers above the minimum stipend of the Church by small amounts can only fairly be expected to give aid in a comparatively small proportion to such increment, while those that are able to deal more liberally with their own Ministers will ordinarily be able to give aid in a larger proportion for the sustentation of the general ministry.

In view of all these considerations the Sub-Committee beg to submit the following scale of aid to be expected from aid-giving Congregations as, in their judgment, upon the whole, a fair one, viz. :—

	Where the whole income of their own Minister		Percentage on excess of such Stipend over amount of S.F. equal dividend.	EXAMPLES.	
	exceeds	but not		Stipend.	Aid expected.
	£	£		£	£
1	200	300	20%	300	20
2	300	500	25 ,,	500	75
3	500	600	30 ,,	600	120
4	600	700	35 ,,	700	175
5	700	800	40 ,,	800	240
6	800	900	45 ,,	900	315
7	900	—	50 ,,	1000	400
				1100	450
				1200	500

By another of the regulations adopted at last Synod it was provided that in the event of any Congregation becoming vacant whose contributions have not yet become sufficient to enable them to be received on the equal dividend platform, no new settlement should take place without the due consideration by the Presbytery of the bounds of the necessity for retaining such Congregations in the position of separate and regular charges, nor, in the event of their judging this to be necessary, without the concurrence of the Sustentation Committee in that judgment. The Congregation at Haltwhistle,

becoming vacant in the course of last year, came under the operation of this rule. It was reported to this Committee on the 18th November last by the Presbytery of Carlisle that they had seen it to be their duty to retain Haltwhistle as a separate and regular charge, but the Committee unanimously agreed that they did not see their way to concur in this judgment, which decision was duly reported to the Presbytery. Whereupon the Presbytery requested the Committee to reconsider their decision. This request came up for consideration on the 17th of March last, when motions were made both for and against the acceding to it; whereupon the Committee agreed to refer the case *simpliciter* to the Synod, as they hereby do.

By one of the regulations adopted at last Synod, it was provided that the Synod itself determine each year the number of charges to be raised to the platform of the equal dividend in the course of the ensuing twelve months. After careful consideration your Committee agreed to recommend to your Reverend Court to authorise them to receive on the equal dividend platform in the course of next Synodical year such number of charges, not exceeding three, as may furnish satisfactory schedules, due regard being always had to the state of the Fund.

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[*For Financial Statement, see under* "ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH," *at p.* 220.]

SUSTENTATION FUND.

APPENDICES.

Appendix A.

SUSTENTATION FUND DETAILED

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	On Books as Actual Contributors.	Per cent. on Membership.	Collectors.	Specially Contributed. £ s. d.
	Berwick Presbytery.					
1	Ancroft Moor... ... ... (*b*)	161	9	5	1	4 10 6
2	Beaumont Union	300	200	67	13	10 7 10
3	Belford, Columba	136	56	41	7	16 1 11
4	,, Erskine	241	165	68	13	17 9 9½
5	Berwick, Bankhill	263	50	19	6	32 10 0
6	,, Wallace Green	735	120	16	14	55 19 6
7	Chatton	270	92	34	8	19 9 8
8	Crookham	215	91	42	13	21 4 2
9	Etal	230	190	83	10	15 11 10
10	Horncliffe	220	168	76	11	18 10 7
11	Lowick	254	95	37	10	12 11 3
12	Norham, North Church	210	150	71	6	20 0 0
13	,, South Church	160	No Special Organisation.			
14	Tweedmouth	180	70	39	10	10 19 4
		3575	1456	38	—	255 6 4½
	Birmingham Presbytery.					
15	Birmingham, Broad Street	150	89	59	9	77 2 6
16	,, Camp Hill	140	No return		—	106 9 6
17	,, New John Street (*d*)	70	66	94	4	53 3 8
18	,, Smethwick ... (*e*)	83	29	35	10	12 0 0
19	Burton-on-Trent	98	No Special Organisatn.			5 5 0
20	Derby	96	46	48	8	70 13 10
21	Dudley	66	37	56	4	34 4 0
22	Hanley	94	37	39	4	50 0 0
23	Nottingham	102	54	53	4	122 12 6
24	Shrewsbury ... ... (*e*)	79	58	77	4	74 5 8½
25	Stafford	93	30	32	4	31 0 0
26	Worcester	150	43	29	5	16 1 10
		1221	489	40	—	652 18 6½
	Bristol Presbytery.					
27	Aberdare	51	51	100	3	56 1 10
28	Bristol	231	Collection		—	23 0 0
29	Cardiff	280	184	66	13	132 0 0
30	Cheltenham	171	Weekly Offering System			—
31	Gloucester	178	152	85	6	50 9 1
32	Swansea	151	50	33	6	54 19 0
33	Torquay	118	73	63	3	142 14 3
		1180	510	43	—	459 4 2
	Carlisle Presbytery.					
34	Bewcastle ... ... (*b*)	75	84	112	5	53 7 0
35	Brampton ... ... (*b*)	50	31	62	3	15 5 7
36	Carlisle, Fisher Street	414	Quarterly Collections			62 2 6
37	,, Warwick Road	303	Weekly Offering System			—
38	Cleator Moor	106	65	61	7	35 0 0
		948	180	—	—	165 15 1

Appendix A.

STATEMENT, 1878.

Added from Ordinary Revenue by Participating Congregations.	Total Paid into Sustentation Fund by Congregations	From Hewley Trust.	Amount of Equal Dividend paid direct to Ministers.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend	Payment to Minister by Congregation in addition to Amount of Dividend.	Total Stipend.	No.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
66 16 3	71 6 9	14	—	85 6 9	*b*155 0 0	—	155 0 0	1
110 18 1	121 5 11	12	—	133 5 11	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	2
88 18 1	105 0 0	—	—	105 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	3
122 10 2½	140 0 0	12	—	152 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	4
167 10 0	200 0 0	—	—	200 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	5
—	55 19 6	—	200	255 19 6	200 0 0	300 0 0	500 0 0	6
140 10 4	160 0 0	—	—	160 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	7
98 15 10	120 0 0	14	—	134 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	8
96 13 6	112 5 4	14	—	126 5 4	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	9
87 4 6	105 15 1	14	—	119 15 1	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	10
92 8 9	105 0 0	10	—	115 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	11
87 0 0	107 0 0	14	—	121 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	12
105 0 0	105 0 0	—	—	105 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	13
94 0 8	105 0 0	25	—	130 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	14
1358 6 2½	1613 12 7	129	200	1941 12 7	2755 0 0	300 0 0	3055 0 0	
127 17 6	205 0 0	—	—	205 0 0	200 0 0	50 0 0	250 0 0	15
108 10 6	215 0 0	—	—	215 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	16
26 16 4	80 0 0	—	—	80 0 0	*d*122 5 8	—	*f*200 0 0	17
93 0 0	105 0 0	—	—	105 0 0	*e*207 10 0	—	207 10 0	18
—	5 5 0	—	200	205 5 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	19
129 6 2	200 0 0	—	—	200 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	20
121 16 0	156 0 0	—	—	156 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	21
130 0 0	180 0 0	—	—	180 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	22
82 7 6	205 0 0	—	—	205 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	23
65 14 3½	140 0 0	—	—	140 0 0	*e*140 0 0	—	140 0 0	24
174 0 0	205 0 0	—	—	205 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	25
183 18 2	200 0 0	—	—	200 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	26
1243 6 5½	1896 5 0	—	200	2096 5 0	2269 15 8	400 0 0	2747 0 0	
55 11 4	111 13 2	—	—	111 13 2	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	27
—	23 0 0	—	200	223 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	28
118 0 0	250 0 0	—	—	250 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	29
225 0 0	225 0 0	—	—	225 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	30
154 10 11	205 0 0	—	—	205 0 0	200 0 0	5 0 0	205 0 0	31
145 1 0	200 0 0	—	—	200 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	32
83 5 9	226 0 0	—	—	226 0 0	200 0 0	205 0 0	405 0 0	33
781 9 0	1240 13 2	—	200	1440 13 2	1400 0 0	910 0 0	2310 0 0	
58 3 0	111 10 0	11	—	125 10 0	*b*155 0 0	—	155 0 0	34
59 14 5	75 0 4	14	—	89 0 4	*b*155 0 0	—	155 0 0	35
—	62 2 6	—	200	262 2 6	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	36
205 10 0	205 10 0	—	—	205 10 0	200 0 0	40 0 0	240 0 0	37
120 0 0	155 0 0	14	—	169 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	38
443 7 5	609 2 10	42	200	851 2 10	910 0 0	190 0 0	1100 0 0	

No.	Congregations.		Members.	On Books as Actual Contributors.	Per cent. on Membership.	Collectors.	Specially Contributed. £ s. d.
	Carlisle Presbytery—*continued.*						
	Brought forward		968	180	—	—	165 15 1
39	Haltwhistle	(*d*)	60	50	83	5	44 18 0
40	Maryport, Crosby Street ...	(*e*)	115	110	96	8	37 9 2
41	,, John Street		72	42	58	3	27 0 0
42	Penrith		86	72	84	8	58 8 0
43	Whitehaven, High Street ...	(*d*)	150	60	40	5	20 0 0
44	,, Market Place		191	27	14	E	14 8 9
45	Workington		82	13	16	E	9 14 7
			1704	554	33	—	377 18 7
	Darlington Presbytery.						
46	Bishop Auckland		110	64	58	8	192 7 4
47	Crook		76	72	93	10	67 18 2
48	Darlington		262	120	46	8	114 9 6
49	Grimsby	(*c*)	80	No Special Organisation.			
50	Hartlepool	(*e*)	186	80	43	8	68 0 0
51	Hull, Prospect Street ...	(*a*)	542	Collection		—	11 8 10
52	,, Springbank		129	62	48	5	23 10 0
53	Middlesboro', Trinity		130	98	75	9	84 7 7
54	Mount Pleasant		117	Quarterly Cols.			23 14 6
55	Redcar...	(*d*)	83	58	70	4	43 9 8
56	Stockton, St. Andrew's		199	81	41	E	141 19 1
57	,, St. George's		169	72	43	6	124 6 7
58	Towlaw		79	51	65	7	53 0 0
59	West Hartlepool	(*e*)	135	54	40	6	23 13 2
60	Whitby, Trinity	(*c*)	84	85	101	—	56 0 0
			2381	897	38	—	1028 4 5
	Liverpool Presbytery.						
61	Birkenhead, Claughton		250	75	30	E	201 19 6
62	,, Grange Road ...	(*a*)	354	35	10	10	60 3 6
63	,, Hamilton		140	71	51	6	54 7 11
64	,, St. Andrew's		473	250	53	14	242 0 0
65	,, St. Paul's		159	Church Door Cols.			156 0 0
66	Chester	(*d*)	110	60	55	6	29 5 10
67	Douglas		177	40	24	4	42 10 0
68	Egremont		265	Ordinary Sab. Cols.			120 0 0
69	Liverpool, Canning Street		519	67	11	E	349 0 3
70	,, Derby Road ...	(*a*)	780	Half-yearly Cols.		E	50 0 0
71	,, Everton Valley		650	85	13	6	44 1 4
72	,, Fairfield		301	68	22	E	143 15 0
73	,, Hyslop Street		182	105	58	8	90 4 0
74	,, Islington	(*a*)	620	50	8	5	32 12 0
75	,, Mount Pleasant ...	(*a*)	428	77	18	E	154 4 7
76	,, Princes Road		226	157	70	6	55 0 0
77	,, Queen's Road		576	101	18	P	40 0 0
78	,, Shaw Street		180	75	42	8	49 0 0
79	,, St. George's		307	118	38	E	133 15 6
			6697	1434	—	—	2047 19 5

DETAILED STATEMENT—*continued.*

Added from Ordinary Revenue by Participating Congregations.			Total Paid into Sustentation Fund by Congregation.			From Hewley Trust.	Amount of Equal Dividend paid direct to Ministers.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.			Amount of Dividend			Payment to Minister by Congregation in addition to Amount of Dividend.			Total Stipend.			No.
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
443	7	5	609	2	10	42	200	851	2	10	910	0	0	190	0	0	1100	0	0	
15	2	0	60	0	0	14	—	74	0	0	*d* 129	18	10	—			*f b* 155	0	0	39
88	10	10	126	0	0	14	—	140	0	0	*e* 207	10	0	—			207	10	0	40
78	1	7	105	1	7	10	—	115	1	7	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	41
94	11	11	152	19	11	—	—	152	19	11	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	42
85	0	4	105	0	4	—	—	105	0	4	*d* 170	11	0	—			*f* 200	0	0	43
197	11	3	212	0	0	—	—	212	0	0	200	0	0	36	0	0	236	0	0	44
95	5	5	105	0	0	—	—	105	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	45
1097	10	9	1475	4	8	80	200	1755	4	8	2217	19	10	226	0	0	2498	10	0	
7	12	8	200	0	0	—	—	200	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	46
42	1	10	110	0	0	14	—	124	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	47
95	10	6	210	0	0	—	—	210	0	0	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0	48
46	13	8	46	13	8	—	—	46	13	8	*c* 46	13	8	—			200	0	0	49
87	0	0	155	0	0	—	—	155	0	0	*e* 207	10	0	—			207	10	0	50
—			11	8	10	—	—	11	8	10	—			—			—			51
85	0	0	108	10	0	—	—	108	10	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	52
115	12	5	200	0	0	—	—	200	0	0	200	0	0	50	0	0	250	0	0	53
96	5	6	120	0	0	14	—	134	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	54
52	6	1	95	15	9	—	—	95	15	9	*d* 95	15	9	—			*fc* 200	0	0	55
68	0	11	210	0	0	—	—	210	0	0	200	0	0	50	0	0	250	0	0	56
80	13	5	205	0	0	—	—	205	0	0	200	0	0	50	0	0	250	0	0	57
52	0	0	105	0	0	14	—	119	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	58
81	6	10	105	0	0	14	—	119	0	0	*e* 207	10	0	—			207	10	0	59
—			56	0	0	—	—	56	0	0	*c* 56	0	0	—			200	0	0	60
910	3	10	1938	8	3	56	—	1994	8	3	2413	9	5	250	0	0	3065	0	0	
198	0	6	400	0	0	—	—	400	0	0	200	0	0	500	0	0	700	0	0	61
—			60	3	6	—	200	260	3	6	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0	62
148	2	1	202	10	0	—	—	202	10	0	200	0	0	5	0	0	205	0	0	63
25	0	0	267	0	0	—	—	267	0	0	200	0	0	368	12	6	568	12	6	64
49	0	0	205	0	0	—	—	205	0	0	200	0	0	50	0	0	250	0	0	65
75	0	0	104	5	10	—	—	104	5	10	*d* 100	0	0	50	0	0	*f* 250	0	0	66
162	10	0	205	0	0	—	—	205	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	67
120	0	0	240	0	0	—	—	240	0	0	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0	68
—			349	0	3	—	—	349	0	3	200	0	0	600	0	0	800	0	0	69
—			50	0	0	—	200	250	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0	600	0	0	70
205	18	8	250	0	0	—	—	250	0	0	200	0	0	350	0	0	550	0	0	71
156	5	0	300	0	0	—	—	300	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0	600	0	0	72
109	16	0	200	0	0	—	—	200	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0	73
—			32	12	0	—	200	232	12	0	200	0	0	350	0	0	550	0	0	74
—			154	4	7	—	200	354	4	7	200	0	0	500	0	0	700	0	0	75
150	0	0	205	0	0	—	—	205	0	0	200	0	0	50	0	0	250	0	0	76
170	0	0	210	0	0	—	—	210	0	0	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0	77
151	0	0	200	0	0	—	—	200	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	78
86	4	6	220	0	0	—	—	220	0	0	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0	79
1806	16	9	3854	16	2	—	800	4654	16	2	3700	0	0	5023	12	6	8823	12	6	

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	Liverpool Presbytery—*continued.*					
	Brought forward—	6697	1434	—	—	2047 19 5
80	Liverpool, St. Peter's	480	70	15	10	42 0 0
81	„ Trinity	190	65	34	E	167 0 0
82	„ Vauxhall Road ...	106	63	59	7	58 10 5
83	Parkgate	70	40	57	6	94 5 0
84	Ramsey ... ... (*d*)	62	31	50	6	40 13 4
85	Rockferry	205	33	16	E	255 14 9
86	St. Helen's	105	67	64	7	42 9 10
87	Southport	128	112	87	6	117 2 0
88	Sutton	70	69	99	4	68 15 11
89	Waterloo	200	50	25	5	72 12 6
		8313	2034	24	—	3007 3 2
	London Presbytery.					
90	Aldershot	95	83	87	E	128 18 10
91	Aston Tyrrold	56	40	71	4	73 5 0
92	Bournemouth	100	117	117	7	167 12 0
93	Brighton, Queen's Road	304	142	47	E	54 18 1
94	Chatham	52	60	118	E	82 8 5½
95	Croydon	193	75	39	E	200 0 0
96	Guernsey ... ... (*b*)	33	No Special Organisation.			
97	Ipswich ... ... (*b*)	85	81	95	8	30 9 5
98	Jersey	176	37	21	6	62 19 6
99	Lewes	77	40	52	7	27 17 8
100	London, Belgrave	258	124	48	6	134 19 0
101	„ Bermondsey ... (*c*)	68	26	38	7	12 8 6
102	„ Bow Road	69	56	81	6	50 16 0
103	„ Camberwell	340	80	24	6	114 3 9
104	„ Camden Road	295	95	32	P	220 0 0
105	„ Canonbury	107	32	30	5	65 0 0
106	„ Clapham Road	800	300	38	24	309 7 4
107	„ Clapton	145	37	25	5	86 0 0
108	„ Ealing	89	30	34	2	46 12 0
109	„ East India Road ...	135	82	60	4	48 5 0
110	„ Forest Hill	248	154	62	8	265 12 6
111	„ Greenwich	360	116	32	E	119 3 9
112	„ Hammersmith	112	31	28	4	24 5 6
113	„ Hampstead	236	50	21	E	266 7 0
114	„ Highbury ... (*a*)	569	No Special Organsn			141 0 0
115	„ Islington	504	190	38	E	176 5 0
116	„ Kensington	154	31	20	E	189 19 5
117	„ Kentish Town ... (*d*)	136	82	60	9	98 16 4
118	„ Kingston-on-Thames ...	57	44	77	2	54 18 5
119	„ Marylebone	904	309	33	E	555 14 3
120	„ Millwall	135	78	58	4	24 0 0
121	„ New Barnet	51	37	73	—	197 6 2½
122	„ Notting Hill	416	115	28	—	391 9 3
123	„ Regent Square	664	116	17	E & C	586 6 0
124	„ St. John's Wood ... (*a*)	427	192	45	10	340 17 7
		8450	3082	—	—	5348 1 9

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£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1806	16	9	3854	16	2	—	800	4654	16	2	3700	0	0	5023	12	6	8823	12	6	
158	0	0	200	0	0	—	—	200	0	0	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0	80
83	0	0	250	0	0	—	—	250	0	0	200	0	0	205	0	0	405	0	0	81
59	4	10	117	15	3	—	—	117	15	3	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	82
84	15	5	179	0	5	—	—	179	0	5	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	83
54	0	0	94	13	4	—	—	94	13	4	*d*150	0	0	—			*f*200	0	0	84
	—		255	14	9	—	—	255	14	9	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0	85
157	10	2	200	0	0	—	—	200	0	0	200	0	0	5	0	0	205	0	0	86
92	18	0	210	0	0	—	—	210	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0	87
51	4	1	120	0	0	—	—	120	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	88
130	0	0	202	12	6	—	—	202	12	6	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0	89
2677	9	3	5684	12	5	—	800	6484	12	5	5650	0	0	5933	12	6	11733	12	6	
7	9	6	136	8	4	—	—	136	8	4	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	90
31	15	0	105	0	0	—	—	105	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	91
42	8	0	210	0	0	—	—	210	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0	92
205	1	11	260	0	0	—	—	260	0	0	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0	93
22	11	6½	105	0	0	—	—	105	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	94
20	0	0	220	0	0	—	—	220	0	0	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0	95
75	0	0	75	0	0	—	—	75	0	0	*b*155	0	0	—			155	0	0	96
87	11	2	118	0	7	—	—	118	0	7	*b*155	0	0	—			155	0	0	97
142	0	6	205	0	0	—	—	205	0	0	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0	98
127	2	4	155	0	0	—	—	155	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	99
105	1	0	240	0	0	—	—	240	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0	600	0	0	100
	—		12	8	6	—	—	12	8	6	*c* 12	8	6	—			*f*400	0	0	101
124	4	0	175	0	0	—	—	*q*175	0	0	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0	102
49	10	0	*q*163	13	9	—	—	*q*163	13	9	150	0	0	*q*300	0	0	450	0	0	103
	—		220	0	0	—	—	220	0	0	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0	104
130	0	0	195	0	0	—	—	*b*195	0	0	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0	105
200	0	0	509	7	4	—	—	509	7	4	200	0	0	800	0	0	1000	0	0	106
114	0	0	200	0	0	—	—	200	0	0	200	0	0	150	0	0	350	0	0	107
158	8	0	205	0	0	—	—	205	0	0	200	0	0	175	0	0	375	0	0	108
116	15	0	165	0	0	—	—	165	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	109
50	0	0	315	12	6	—	—	315	12	6	200	0	0	310	0	0	510	0	0	110
195	0	0	314	3	9	—	—	314	3	9	200	0	0	375	0	0	575	0	0	111
185	14	6	210	0	0	—	—	210	0	0	200	0	0	150	0	0	350	0	0	112
150	0	0	416	7	0	—	—	416	7	0	200	0	0	350	0	0	550	0	0	113
	—		141	0	0	—	200	341	0	0	200	0	0	650	0	0	850	0	0	114
145	0	0	321	5	0	—	—	321	5	0	200	0	0	586	0	0	786	0	0	115
10	0	7	200	0	0	—	—	200	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0	600	0	0	116
	—		98	16	4	—	—	98	16	4	*d*169	16	1	—			*f*200	0	0	117
100	5	6	155	3	11	—	—	155	3	11	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	118
	—		555	14	3	—	—	555	14	3	200	0	0	850	0	0	1050	0	0	119
81	0	0	105	0	0	—	—	105	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	120
2	13	9½	200	0	0	—	—	200	0	0	200	0	0	7	0	0	207	0	0	121
1	10	9	393	0	0	—	—	393	0	0	200	0	0	805	0	0	1005	0	0	122
	—		586	6	0	—	—	586	6	0	200	0	0	1000	0	0	1200	0	0	123
	—		340	17	7	—	200	540	17	7	200	0	0	910	0	0	1110	0	0	124
2680	3	1	8028	4	10	—	400	8428	4	10	6642	4	7	9618	0	0	16878	0	0	

SUSTENTATION FUND

No.	Congregations.	Members.	On Books as Actual Contributors.	Per Cent. on Membership.	Collectors.	Specially Contributed.
	London Presbytery—*continued.*					£ s. d.
	Brought forward	8450	3082	—	—	5348 1 9
125	London, South Kensington ...	257	120	47	E	183 11 2
126	,, Southwark ... (*b*)	184	81	44	8	43 10 8
127	,, Stepney	305	106	35	11	90 13 6
128	,, Tottenham	106	85	80	4	161 19 6
129	,, Upper Norwood	143	57	40	4	165 10 9
130	,, Victoria Docks	110	40	36	4	50 2 5
131	,, Wandsworth	146	56	38	—	120 11 0
132	,, Westbourne Grove (*a*)	220	No Special Organsn			43 10 8
133	,, Whitfield	260	63	24	7	110 0 0
134	,, Woolwich, New Road ...	253	131	52	6	115 18 11
135	,, ,, St. Andrew's ...	343	89	26	7	116 8 4
136	Maidstone	40	20	50	3	32 0 0
137	Norwich	213	77	36	6	59 10 2
138	Silverhill, Hastings	52	72	138	5	90 16 7
139	Southampton, St. Andrew's ...	405	70	17	10	85 0 0
140	,, Totton	44	52	119	2	28 5 0
141	,, Woolston ... (*c*)	107	53	50	6	58 12 6
		11638	4254	37	—	6904 2 11
	Manchester Presbytery.					
142	Blackburn, Mount Street	69	59	86	9	31 3 2
143	,, St. George's ... (*a*)	471	No Special Organsn			30 0 0
144	Bolton	303	80	26	10	52 10 8
145	Bradford	192	110	57	10	108 0 0
146	Crewe	67	35	52	4	27 13 1
147	Leeds, St. Columba ... (*b*)	130	83	64	6	33 2 6
148	Manchester, Ancoats	150	80	53	6	113 15 7
149	Bowdon ... ... (*a*)	114	72	63	—	26 0 0
150	,, Brunswick St. (*a*)	322	61	19	E	47 16 3
151	,, Coupland Street ...	354	Collections in Church			32 14 3
152	,, Grosvenor Square ...	395	35	9	E	137 14 6
153	,, Longsight	132	55	42	E	120 2 0
154	,, St. Andrew's ...	325	75	23	E	50 0 0
155	,, Sale	115	27	23	E	133 0 0
156	,, Trinity	290	66	23	E	74 0 0
157	,, Withington ... (*a*)	190	19	10	E	63 6 0
158	Ramsbottom	158	40	25	8	39 10 9
159	Risley ... ... (*b*)	14	No Special Organisation			—
160	Sheffield	177	—	—	4	79 0 0
161	Stalybridge...	32	23	72	2	34 6 6
162	Warrington	52	19	37	E	28 7 6
163	Wharton	72	46	64	5	13 9 10
164	Wigan	132	No Return		8	31 16 3
		4256	985	23	—	1307 8 10

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£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
2680	3	1	8028	4	10	—	400	8428	4	10	6642	4	7	9618	0	0	16878	0	0	
42	8	10	226	0	0	—	—	226	0	0	*i* 202	10	0	600	0	0	802	10	0	125
66	9	4	110	0	0	—	—	110	0	0	*b* 155	0	0	—			155	0	0	126
129	6	6	220	0	0	—	—	220	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0	127
58	0	6	220	0	0	—	—	220	0	0	200	0	0	119	0	0	319	0	0	128
44	9	3	210	0	0	—	—	210	0	0	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0	129
154	17	7	205	0	0	—	—	205	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	130
79	9	0	200	0	0	—	—	200	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0	131
—			43	10	8	—	200	243	10	8	200	0	0	350	0	0	550	0	0	132
10	0	0	120	0	0	—	—	120	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	133
99	2	1	215	1	0	—	—	215	1	0	200	0	0	250	0	0	450	0	0	134
83	11	8	200	0	0	—	—	200	0	0	200	0	0	50	0	0	250	0	0	135
73	0	0	105	0	0	—	—	105	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	136
156	0	0	215	10	2	—	—	215	10	2	200	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0	137
69	13	5	160	10	0	—	—	160	10	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	138
125	0	0	210	0	0	—	—	210	0	0	200	0	0	150	0	0	350	0	0	139
80	0	0	108	5	0	—	—	108	5	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	140
150	8	0	209	0	6	—	—	209	0	6	200	0	0	70	0	0	270	0	0	141
4101	19	3	11006	2	2	—	600	11606	2	2	9999	14	7	12107	0	0	22724	10	0	
118	12	9	149	15	11	—	—	149	15	11	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	142
—			30	0	0	—	200	230	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	400	0	0	143
157	9	4	210	0	0	—	—	210	0	0	200	0	0	100	0	0	300	0	0	144
49	10	9	157	10	9	—	—	157	10	9	*d* 147	10	9	150	0	0	*f* 350	0	0	145
78	6	11	106	0	0	14	—	120	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	146
91	17	6	125	0	0	—	—	125	0	0	*b* 155	0	0	—			155	0	0	147
36	4	5	150	0	0	—	—	150	0	0	*c* 150	0	0	129	6	6	279	6	6	148
—			26	0	0	—	200	226	0	0	200	0	0	150	0	0	350	0	0	149
—			47	16	3	—	200	247	16	3	*d* 200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0	150
—			32	14	3	—	200	232	14	3	200	0	0	250	0	0	450	0	0	151
198	15	6	336	10	0	—	—	336	10	0	200	0	0	400	0	0	600	0	0	152
142	8	0	262	10	0	—	—	*k* 262	10	0	*k* 250	0	0	209	1	0	*f* 409	1	0	153
200	0	0	250	0	0	—	—	250	0	0	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0	154
72	0	0	205	0	0	—	—	205	0	0	200	0	0	250	0	0	450	0	0	155
200	0	0	274	4	3	—	—	274	4	3	200	0	0	300	0	0	500	0	0	156
—			63	6	0	—	200	263	6	0	200	0	0	305	0	0	505	0	0	157
160	9	3	200	0	0	—	—	200	0	0	200	0	0	65	0	0	265	0	0	158
73	15	2	73	15	2	14	—	87	15	2	*b* 155	0	0	—			155	0	0	159
126	0	0	205	0	0	—	—	205	0	0	200	0	0	50	0	0	250	0	0	160
54	8	6	88	15	0	—	—	*l* 88	15	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	161
111	12	6	140	0	0	—	—	*m* 140	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	162
91	10	2	105	0	0	14	—	119	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	163
154	3	9	186	0	0	—	—	186	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	164
2117	4	6	3424	17	7	42	1000	4466	17	7	4457	10	9	3158	7	6	7618	6	6	

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	Newcastle-on-Tyne Presbytery.					
165	Bellingham	189	95	50	10	30 0 0
166	Blackhill ... ... (*a*)	157	No return.		5	16 0 0
167	Blyth, Bridge Street ... ... (*c*)	100	55	55	8	12 0 0
168	,, Waterloo Road ... (*a*)	220	No special organisation.			3 3 0
169	Durham ... ... (*e*)	100	65	65	6	30 0 0
170	Falstone	196	64	33	E	9 11 10
171	Gateshead, Ellison Street	263	66	25	8	39 19 6
172	Gosforth ... ... (*a*)	48	20	42	3	6 2 6
173	Hebburn	217	103	47	6	33 13 9
174	Hexham	154	154	100	8	15 0 0
175	Houghton-le-Spring	180	No return.		—	42 10 0
176	Jarrow, Ellison Street ... (*a*)	492	No return.		14	5 0 0
177	,, Wear Street .. (*b*)	73	35	48	3	18 5 6
178	Killingworth	80	30	37	9	25 0 0
179	Newcastle, Barras Bridge ... (*a*)	328	65	30	16	31 9 4
180	,, Blackett Street ... (*a*)	661	No return.		—	45 17 2
181	,, Erskine Church ... (*e*)	150	41	27	E	24 4 10½
182	,, John Knox	565	150	27	10	64 2 6
183	,, Park Road	128	50	39	5	42 11 3
184	,, St. George's ... (*a*)	351	30	9	—	14 13 9
185	,, Trinity	658	129	20	12	68 2 0
186	,, Westmoreland Road (*a*)	487	115	24	16	50 2 3
187	North Shields, Howard Street ..	362	228	63	12	71 0 0
188	,, ,, Northumberlnd Sq. (*a*)	303	No return.		10	43 0 11
189	Seaton Burn ... ... (*b*)	130	34	26	7	8 19 0
190	Seaton Delaval	123	38	31	5	31 8 0
191	South Shields, East Street ... (*a*)	260	No special organisation.			2 0 0
192	,, ,, Laygate ... (*a*)	363	No return.		E	44 14 7
193	Stamfordham ... ... (*e*)	80	65	81	—	12 0 2
194	Sunderland, Bethany	—	No special organisation.			—
195	,, ,, North Bridge St.	229	96	42	9	78 16 0
196	,, St. George's	447	110	24	14	38 3 3
197	,, St. Stephen's ... (*e*)	129	40	31	4	21 13 0
198	,, Smyrna	171	No special organisation.			—
199	,, Trinity ... ... (*a*)	353	Quarterly collections.			30 0 0
200	Swallwell ... ... (*e*)	48	34	71	6	23 8 6
201	Walker	195	30	15	7	15 13 3
202	Wark ... ... (*b*)	64	41	64	E	14 9 5½
203	Willington Quay .. ... (*e*)	107	No special organisation.			—
		9161	1983	22	—	1062 15 4
	Northumberland Presbytery.					
204	Alnwick, Lisburn Street	156	61	39	4	12 13 8
205	,, St. James's	294	104	35	8	27 5 11
206	Bavington	96	61	64	8	25 1 0
207	Bedlington	114	Special subscriptions.			7 10 0
208	Birdhopecraig	117	130	64	10	33 9 3½
209	Branton	285	42	15	2	18 3 0
210	Embleton	193	No return.		—	19 0 3½
	Carried forward	1255	398	217	32	143 3 2

DETAILED STATEMENT—*Continued.*

Added from Ordinary Revenue by Participating Congregations	Total paid into Sustentation Fund by Congregations.	From Howley Trust.	Amount of Equal Dividend Paid direct to Ministers.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend.	Payment to Minister by Congregation in addition to Amount of Dividend.	Total Stipend.	No.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
127 10 0	157 10 0	—	—	157 10 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	165
—	16 0 0	—	200	216 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	166
133 0 0	145 0 0	—	—	145 0 0	*e* 207 10 0	—	207 10 0	167
—	3 3 0	—	200	203 3 0	200 0 0	5 0 0	205 0 0	168
116 0 0	146 0 0	14	—	160 0 0	*e* 207 10 0	—	207 10 0	169
140 8 2	150 0 0	—	—	150 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	170
162 10 6	202 10 0	—	—	202 10 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	171
—	6 2 6	—	200	206 2 6	200 0 0	10 0 0	210 0 0	172
122 6 3	156 0 0	—	—	156 0 0	*d* 181 2 1	—	*f* 200 0 0	173
200 0 0	215 0 0	—	—	215 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	1 4
115 0 0	157 10 0	—	—	157 10 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	175
—	5 0 0	—	200	205 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	176
86 14 6	105 0 0	14	—	119 0 0	*b* 155 0 0	—	155 0 0	177
80 0 0	105 0 0	14	—	119 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	178
—	31 9 4	—	200	231 9 4	200 0 0	*n* 320 0 0	*n* 520 0 0	179
—	45 17 2	—	200	245 17 2	200 0 0	250 0 0	450 0 0	180
180 15 1½	205 0 0	—	—	205 0 0	*e* 210 0 0	—	210 0 0	181
200 0 0	264 2 6	—	—	264 2 6	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	182
117 8 9	160 0 0	10	—	170 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	183
—	14 13 9	—	200	214 13 9	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	184
200 0 0	268 2 0	—	—	268 2 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	600 0 0	185
—	50 2 3	—	200	250 2 3	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	186
151 10 0	222 10 0	—	—	222 10 0	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	187
—	43 0 11	—	200	243 0 11	200 0 0	150 0 0	350 0 0	188
87 16 0	96 15 0	14	—	110 15 0	*b* 155 0 0	—	*b* 155 0 0	189
94 16 3	126 4 3	14	—	140 4 3	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	190
—	2 0 0	—	200	202 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	191
—	44 14 7	—	200	244 14 7	200 0 0	175 0 0	375 0 0	192
75 0 0	87 0 2	14	—	101 0 2	*e* 200 0 0	—	200 0 0	193
52 10 0	52 10 0	—	—	52 10 0	*d* 100 0 0	—	*d* 100 0 0	194
137 3 3	215 19 3	—	—	215 19 3	200 0 0	100 0 0	300 0 0	195
205 0 0	243 3 3	—	—	243 3 3	200 0 0	200 0 0	400 0 0	196
88 7 0	110 0 0	—	—	110 0 0	*e* 207 10 0	—	207 10 0	197
177 10 0	177 10 0	—	—	177 10 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	198
—	30 0 0	—	200	230 0 0	200 0 0	175 0 0	375 0 0	199
60 11 6	84 0 0	16	—	100 0 0	*e* 185 0 0	—	185 0 0	200
184 6 9	200 0 0	—	—	200 0 0	200 0 0	4 0 0	204 0 0	201
80 10 6½	95 0 0	14	—	109 0 0	*b* 173 0 0	—	173 0 0	202
120 0 0	120 0 0	—	—	120 0 0	*e* 207 10 0	—	207 10 0	203
3496 14 7	4559 9 11	124	2400	7083 9 11	7589 2 1	2539 0 0	10147 0 0	
120 0 0	132 13 8	—	—	132 13 8	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	204
142 14 1	170 0 0	—	—	170 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	205
81 15 0	106 16 0	14	—	120 16 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	206
97 10 0	105 0 0	20	—	125 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	207
86 10 8½	120 0 0	10	—	130 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	208
137 17 0	156 0 0	—	—	156 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	209
110 19 8½	130 0 0	16	—	146 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	210
777 6 6	920 9 8	60	—	980 9 8	1400 0 0	—	1400 0 0	

SUSTENTATION FUND

No.	Congregations.	Members.	On Books as Actual Contributors.	Per Cent. on Membership.	Collectors.	Specially Contributed. £	s.	d.
	Northumberland Presbytery—*contnd.*							
	Brought forward	1255	398	217	32	143	3	2
211	Felton	148	52	35	6	25	2	1
212	Glanton	257	138	54	10	18	5	6
213	Harbottle	202	166	82	17	21	13	0
214	Longframlington ... ... (*b*)	71	42	59	4	24	12	4
215	Morpeth	240	80	33	12	20	0	0
216	Newbiggin	91	37	41	E	21	7	10
217	North Middleton ... ... (*e*)	97	54	56	7	16	10	10
218	Nth. Sunderland, East Church (*b*)	86	46	53	2	10	0	0
219	,, West Church ...	172	32	19	—	9	11	6
220	Otterburn	125	98	76	11	47	13	2
221	Thropton	148	61	41	6	22	15	8
222	Warenford	214	98	46	8	15	12	0
223	Warkworth	207	No re	turn.	10	3	10	0
224	Widdrington	170	No spe	cial or	ganisat	n. 38	6	9½
225	Wooler, Cheviot Street	348	87	25	13	22	3	9
226	,, Tower Hill	140	60	43	4	9	0	0
227	,, West Chapel	189	71	38	13	26	16	0½
		4160	1520	38	—	496	3	8

DETAILED STATEMENT—*Continued.*

Added from Ordinary Revenue by Participating Congregations.			Total paid into Sustentation Fund by Congregation.			From Hewley Trust.	Amount of Equal Dividend paid direct to Ministers.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.			Amount of Dividend.			Payment to Minister by Congregation in addition to Amount of Dividend.			Total Stipend.			No.
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
777	6	6	920	9	8	60	—	980	9	8	1400	0	0	—			1400	0	0	
84	17	11	110	0	0	14	—	124	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	211
141	19	0	160	4	6	—	—	160	4	6	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	212
99	2	0	120	15	0	14	—	134	15	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	213
35	7	8	60	0	0	15	—	75	0	0	*b* 155	0	0	—			155	0	0	214
192	10	0	212	10	0	—	—	212	10	0	200	0	0	10	0	0	210	0	0	215
83	12	2	105	0	0	14	—	119	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	216
78	9	2	95	0	0	10	—	105	0	0	*e* 197	10	0	—			197	10	0	217
51	0	0	61	0	0	14	—	75	0	0	*b* 155	0	0	—			155	0	0	218
130	8	6	140	0	0	—	—	140	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	219
109	16	10	157	10	0	—	—	157	10	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	220
89	5	6	112	1	2	15	—	127	1	2	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	221
105	18	9	121	10	9	—	—	121	10	9	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	222
121	10	0	125	0	0	—	—	125	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	223
66	13	$2\frac{1}{2}$	105	0	0	14	—	119	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	224
172	16	3	195	0	0	—	—	195	0	0	*p* 200	0	0	—			150	0	0	225
104	0	0	113	0	0	14	—	127	0	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	226
119	1	$11\frac{1}{2}$	145	18	0	—	—	145	18	0	200	0	0	—			200	0	0	227
2563	15	5	3059	19	1	184	—	3243	19	1	4707	10	0	10	0	0	4667	10	0	

TABLE SHOWING SUM

No.	Presbyteries.	Members.	On Books as actual Contributors.	Per cent. on Membership.	Amount from Sustentation Fund Asscciation.	Amount from Ordinary Revenue.
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Berwick	3575	1456	38	255 6 4½	1358 6 2½
2	Birmingham	1221	489	40	652 18 6½	1243 6 5½
3	Bristol	1180	510	43	459 4 2	781 9 0
4	Carlisle	1704	554	33	377 13 7	1097 10 9
5	Darlington	2381	897	38	1028 4 5	910 3 10
6	Liverpool	8313	2034	24	3007 3 2	2677 9 3
7	London	11638	4254	36	6904 2 11	4101 19 3
8	Manchester	4256	985	23	1307 8 10	2117 4 6
9	Newcastle	9161	1983	22	1062 15 4	3496 14 7
10	Northumberland	4160	1520	38	496 3 8	2563 15 5
		47589	14682	31	15551 1 0	20347 19 3

E Contributions by means of Envelopes.

P Contributions taken with Pew Rents Quarterly.

(*a*) Congregations in the Third Class which were aid-giving to the amount which they remitted to the Fund.

(*b*) Congregations under the XI. Clause of Sustentation Fund Act of 1872.

(*c*) Congregations under the XII. Clause of Sustentation Fund Act, which simply receive back the amount they remit.

(*d*) Congregation vacant for part of the year. These sums include payments to Congregations for expense of Pulpit Supply.

(*e*) Under special arrangements made with former United Presbyterian Congregations during the continuance of the Scottish Subsidy.

(*f*) Rate of Stipend *per annum*.

MARY OF RECEIPTS, &c.

Total Paid into Sustentation Fund by Congregations.	From Lady Hewley Trust.	Amount of Equal Dividend paid direct to Ministers.	Total Available for Calculation of Dividend.	Amount of Dividend	Payment by Congregations to Ministers in addition to Amount of Dividend.	Total Stipend.	No.
£ s. d.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1613 12 7	129	200	1942 12 7	2755 0 0	300 0 0	3055 0 0	1
1896 5 0	—	200	2096 5 0	2269 5 0	400 0 0	2747 0 0	2
1240 13 2	—	200	1440 13 2	1400 0 0	910 0 0	2310 0 0	3
1475 4 8	80	200	1755 4 8	2217 19 10	226 0 0	2498 10 0	4
1938 8 3	56	—	1994 8 3	2413 9 5	250 0 0	3065 0 0	5
5684 12 5	—	800	6484 12 5	5650 0 0	5933 12 6	11733 12 6	6
11006 2 2	—	600	11606 2 2	9999 14 7	12107 0 0	22724 10 0	7
3424 17 7	42	1000	4466 17 7	4457 10 9	3158 7 6	7618 6 6	8
4559 9 11	124	2400	7083 9 11	7589 2 1	2539 0 0	10147 0 0	9
3059 19 1	184	—	3243 19 1	4707 10 0	10 0 0	4667 10 0	10
35899 4 10	615	5600	42114 4 10	41660 2 4	25831 0 0	70566 9 0	

(*g*) £23 credited in error to 1877 account instead of 1878.
(*h*) £5 credited in error to 1877 account instead of 1878.
(*i*) £2 10s. repaid remitted to Fund in error.
(*k*) Five quarters' remittance for last quarter of 1877 entering into 1878.
(*l*) The Presbytery of Manchester undertook to raise the deficiency of £16 5s.
(*m*) £35 belonged to 1877.
(*n*) To two Ministers.
(*p*) Divided between two Ministers. £150 to Junior Colleague.
(*q*) Only on Fund for 3 quarters of year.

Appendix B.

CLASSIFICATION OF CONGREGATIONS WITH THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

PRESBYTERIES.	AID-RECEIVING.				AID-GIVING.				NEITHER AID-GIVING NOR AID-RECEIVING.				UNCONNECTED.		TOTAL.	
	On Equal Dividend Platform.		On Lower Platform.		Participating.		Non-Participating.		Receiving Equal Dividend.		Receiving less than Equal Dividend (12th Clause of S. F. Act.)					
	Congns.	Amount.	Congns.	Amount.	Congns.	Amount.	Congns.	Amount.	Congns.	Amount.	Congns.	Amount.	Church Extension.	Old Charges.	Congregations.	Amount.
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Berwick	11	1,286 6 4	1	71 6 9	...	...	1	55 19 6	1	200 0 0	...	...	...	2	16	1,613 12 7
Birmingham ...	4	521 0 0	...	...	4	830 0 0	1	5 5 0	2	400 0 0	1	140 0 0	2	1	15	1,896 5 0
Bristol	1	111 13 2	...	...	4	906 0 0	1	23 0 0	1	200 0 0	...	...	...	1	8	1,240 13 2
Carlisle	6	749 1 10	3	246 10 4	2	417 10 0	1	62 2 6	...	..	..	...	..	...	12	1,475 4 8
Darlington ...	6	703 10 0	...	...	3	625 0 0	1	11 8 10	2	400 0 0	3	198 9 5	3	1	19	1,938 8 3
Liverpool	4	511 9 0	...	...	17	4,076 3 4	4	297 0 1	4	800 0 0	...	...	1	1	31	5,684 12 5
London	14	1,889 3 7	3	303 0 7	27	7,616 18 10	2	184 10 8	5	1000 0 0	1	12 8 6	11	5	68	11,006 2 2
Manchester ...	6	775 10 11	2	198 15 2	8	1,900 15 0	5	199 16 6	1	200 0 0	1	150 0 0	3	4	30	3,424 17 7
Newcastle... ...	16	2,160 4 5	3	275 15 0	7	1,631 7 0	12	292 3 6	1	200 0 0	...	...	2	3	44	4,559 9 11
Northumberland...	20	2,631 9 1	3	216 0 0	1	212 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	25	3,059 19 1
	88	11,339 8 4	15	1311 7 10	73	18,216 4 2	28	1131 6 7	17	3400 0 0	6	500 17 11	22	19	268	35,899 4 10

Appendix C.

RELATION OF PRESBYTERIES TO AID NEEDED AND FURNISHED.

Presbyteries.	Aid needed.	Aid supplied.	Amount to which Aid-receiving.	Amount to which Aid-giving.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Berwick	868 6 11	55 19 6	812 7 5	...
Birmingham	208 15 8	35 5 0	173 10 8	...
Bristol	88 6 10	129 0 0	...	40 13 2
Carlisle	542 7 8	79 12 6	462 15 2	...
Darlington	455 10 0	36 8 10	419 1 2	...
Liverpool	238 11 0	1073 3 5	...	834 12 5
London	1042 11 11	2648 19 6	...	1606 7 7
Manchester	493 13 11	503 0 9	...	9 6 10
Newcastle	1029 2 8	523 10 6	505 12 2	...
Northumberland	1476 0 11	12 10 0	1463 10 11	...
	6443 7 6	5097 10 0	3836 17 6	2491 0 0

Appendix D.

SUSTENTATION FUND

OF THE

Presbyterian Church of England.

THE ACT AS AMENDED IN 1878, CONSOLIDATED WITH THE SUBORDINATE REGULATIONS ADOPTED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE SYNOD FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE COMMITTEE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND.

I.

Name. That the Committee charged with securing a minimum stipend for this Church be designated the Sustentation Committee, and the Fund raised for this purpose the Sustentation Fund.

II.

Association. That the Sustentation Committee take such steps as may be necessary for securing the formation of a special organisation in each Congregation of the Church for the support of the Sustentation Fund, such special organisation being hereinafter described as the Sustentation Fund Association; and that the Committee use every prudent and constitutional means to bring the practice of all the Congregations, with respect to the support of the ministry and maintenance and use of the Fund, into as uniform a state as practicable.

III.

Return. That each Congregation make a return to the Committee of the amount raised by the Sustentation Fund Association distinct from ordinary revenue.

IV.

Equal Dividend Platform. That Congregations shall be placed on the equal dividend platform, when the sums they severally propose to contribute to the Sustentation Fund shall have been approved by the Presbytery of the bounds and the Committee. Further, that a re-arrangement be made with every Congregation on its becoming vacant, and that no step shall be taken for the filling up of the vacancy till this shall have been done.

V.

That the following be the regulations in regard to aid-receiving Congregations, viz. :— Aid-receiving Congregations

1. That no Congregation be placed on the equal dividend platform unless it agrees to remit to the Fund at least one-half of the equal dividend. Minimum Basis.

2. That Congregations which in the judgment of the Committee occupy positions in which they might fairly be expected to be self-sustaining, shall not have a claim to be on the equal dividend platform as aid-receiving unless under special instructions from the Synod. Congregations in Large Centres.

3. That every Congregation shall be required to send up to the Central Fund, in addition to what is raised by its Association, the proceeds of all church-door collections for support of ordinances, together with the seat-rents, after paying the usual Congregational expenses.* Contributions.

4. That the organisation in any Congregation be not deemed satisfactory till— Organisation.

(1.) A periodical opportunity is afforded to the Congregation of contributing to the Fund through its Association, which it is desirable should, if possible, be monthly.

(2.) A large percentage on the membership are contributors.

(3.) The total amount paid in to the Central Fund from all sources reaches a minimum of 12s. per annum on the membership, of which sum it is desirable that not less than a ratio of one penny per week on the membership be raised by the Association.

5. That it be not lawful for any such aid-receiving Congregation to pay to their Minister a supplement. Supplements.

6. That Congregations obtaining grants from the Lady Hewley Trust, or other sources, which cannot be paid in to the Sustentation Fund, shall, after correct returns have been made to the Committee, receive the equal dividend, minus the amount of such funds, in so far as they go towards the Minister's stipend; the object of the Sustentation Fund being not to supersede such special sources of revenue, but to raise the total income of Ministers to a given minimum stipend. Lady Hewley Fund, &c.

7. That the Synod determine each year the number of charges to be raised to the platform of the equal dividend in the course of the ensuing twelve months, so as to obviate the risk of the Fund's being subjected to an undue pressure in any one year, and the consequent sudden depression of the equal dividend. Number of Charges received in one year.

8. That in the event of any Congregation failing to fulful its engagement towards the Fund, the Committee shall deal with that Congregation directly, and through the Presbytery, and, if necessary, bring the case before the Synod, which shall, if it see cause, remove the Congregation from the equal dividend platform. Promise not fulfilled.

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* The Sustentation Fund Committee have resolved :—

I.—To allow as legitimate charges on the ordinary income of Congregations—

1. The cost of Communion elements.
2. The Presbytery's assessment of Congregations for Presbytery expenses.
3. The Synod's assessment of Congregations for Synod Fund.
4. A reasonable amount for ministers' travelling expenses to ordinary meetings of Presbytery, where not provided for in Presbytery expenses.

II.—Not to allow as legitimate charges on ordinary income of Congregations—

1. Allowances to ministers at Communions other than the cost of Communion elements.
2. The cost of repairs of church, except of a trifling character.
3. Rents of ministers' houses.
4. Interest on debt of manses.

Congregations not on Equal Dividend Platform.

9. That all aid-receiving Congregations not on the equal dividend platform be dealt with by the Sustentation Fund Committee, so as most effectually to develop their respective resources, by means of a direct grant on a given basis to make up a certain amount, and an additional grant of one-half more on any increase of their contributions until the amount of the equal dividend is reached; but that such additional grant shall be subject to the same limitation as applies to the equal dividend, that no Congregation shall receive more than double the sum remitted by it. Further, that all contributions toward stipend be sent to the Sustentation Fund, as in the case of other aid-receiving Congregations.

Vacancies. Weak Congregations.

10. That in the event of Congregations becoming vacant whose contributions have not yet become sufficient to enable them to be placed upon the equal dividend platform, no new settlement shall take place without the due consideration by the Presbytery of the bounds of the necessity for retaining such Congregations in the position of separate and regular charges, nor, in the event of their judging this to be necessary, without the concurrence of the Sustentation Fund Committee in that judgment; cases of difficulty to be referred to the Synod.

Vacancies. Unnecessary Congregations.

11. [That in the event of the occurrence of a vacancy in an aid-receiving Congregation situated in the immediate neighbourhood of one or more other Congregations, the Presbytery within whose bounds such Congregation is situated shall not proceed to a settlement of a new Minister without prior consultation and agreement with the Sustentation Committee in regard to the necessity for retaining such Congregation as a separate and independent charge, and, if it shall seem expedient, the use of all prudent means to effect a union between the vacant Congregation and a neighbouring one; cases of difficulty to be referred to the Synod.]

Statements of Accounts.

12. That every Congregation be required to furnish the Committee with an annual statement of its accounts duly certified by the Presbytery of the bounds.

VI.

Self-sustaining and Aid-giving Congregations.

That the following be the regulations in regard to self-sustaining and aid-giving Congregations, viz:—

Minimum Contributions.

1. That the minimum contributions from all sources which such Congregations be expected and encouraged to send to the Sustentation Fund, shall be adjusted by negotiation between the Committee and each Congregation, subject to the sanction of the Presbytery, on a common basis applicable to the whole Church.

Payments from ordinary Revenue.

2. That so long as the proceeds of Sustentation Fund Associations fall short of the sum so fixed, Deacons' Courts and Committees of Management be urged to make a payment to the Fund out of their ordinary revenue.

Adjustment of amount.

3. That said payment do not exceed in any case the amount of the equal dividend, but shall be subject on the other hand to all reasonable deductions, as, for example, where local revenue has fallen off since the Sustentation Fund has been started, or where exceptionally heavy charges of any kind fall upon local funds.

Spirit of negotiation.

4. That in seeking to bring Congregations into harmony with those arrangements, the Committee shall deal in detail with the circumstances of each case, and shall make its appeal only to the generosity and sense of duty to the whole Church which ought to characterise all our people.

Non-participating Congregations.

5. That where Congregations simply send the proceeds of Associations or other contributions to the Fund without receiving the equal dividend from it, but pay their Ministers their entire stipends out of their Congregational funds,

said payments shall be duly reported to the Committee, and the Congregations credited and debited in the Committee's books with the amount of the equal dividend.

6. [That where, on the other hand, the Minister participates in the equal dividend, but receives in addition a supplement out of the Congregational funds, Congregations be recommended, in the case of future settlements, in order to avoid complication from the rise or fall of the equal dividend, to make their arrangements so that the total stipend shall be understood to consist of the equal dividend *plus* the supplement allowed, the fixed sum being thus the amount of supplement rather than the total stipend.] Arrangements with Ministers

VII.

That any surplus beyond the minimum stipend aimed at be distributed in such a way as to stimulate Congregations to an increase of contributions to the Sustentation Fund. Surplus Funds.

VIII.

[That Presbyteries shall not grant Moderation in a Call to a colleague in the case of any Congregation receiving aid from the Sustentation Fund without consultation and agreement with the Sustentation Committee, with a view to the protection of the interests of the Fund; cases of difficulty to be referred to the Synod. Further, that in the case of collegiate charges on the equal dividend platform, one dividend only be paid to each.] Collegiate Charges.

IX.

That all Church Extension charges which require extraordinary aid for a time, be placed under the care of the Home Mission Committee, until the period for such aid expire; that they then be dealt with by the Sustentation Fund Committee according to the foregoing regulations. Church Extension Charges.

X.

That donations and legacies be solicited for the Fund. Donations and Legacies.

REPORT OF THE AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

The present position of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund does not differ materially from that which it occupied a year ago.

Though the Synod authorised the taking a Collection throughout the Church in aid of the Fund, with the special object of raising the capital to £10,000, your Committee were led to the conclusion that it would be inexpedient to avail themselves of the liberty thus granted to them. The financial depression during the past year has been so severe that there was little likelihood that a Collection taken while it continued would yield any considerable sum; and it appeared to your Committee that a single Collection, taken for such an object, should not, if it could be avoided, be taken under unfavourable circumstances. On the other hand, intimation was made to your Committee that it was probable that a considerable sum might shortly become available for purposes similar to those of this Fund.

In consideration of these two circumstances, as well as of the pressure of other claims on the Church during the past year, your Committee felt it their duty to forego the contemplated Collection for the present, in the hope that your Reverend Court might renew the authorisation for a Collection, should it seem necessary, at a more suitable period.

Your Committee were instructed, in conjunction with the Sustentation Committee, to consider the question of more adequate retiring allowances to Aged and Infirm Ministers, and also the cases of Hartlepool; Smyrna, Sunderland; and Cheviot Street, Wooler. Both Committees have adopted the Report of a joint sub-committee on this remit, and their conclusions will be communicated to your Reverend Court by the Sustentation Committee. As, however, that Report expressed the opinion that the only practicable method meanwhile of providing more adequate retiring allowances is through the development of this Fund, your Committee have had their attention drawn not only to the financial position of the Fund, but to the rules by which it is at present governed, and they have felt it their duty to request authority in the course of the ensuing year to revise the rules of the Fund with a view to bringing up any suggestions that may seem necessary to next Synod.

Your Committee have to report that a new claim has come upon the Fund in the case of our esteemed brother, the Rev. William Ballantyne, who has been compelled by infirm health to resign his charge at Wood Green. At their meeting on the 19th March, your Committee agreed to recommend that Mr. Ballantyne should be placed on the Fund, and receive £40 per annum, the present maximum annuity, on the understanding that, should he be able hereafter to resume work, his claim on the Fund shall cease.

T. MACPHERSON,
Convener.

[*For Financial Statement, see under* "ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH," *at p.* 223.]

REPORT OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

The membership of the Fund is now 227, including Foreign Missionaries and newly-inducted Ministers. The number of annuitants last year was 25—namely, 9 widows and 16 orphans. The total amount of capital invested is now £14,700, yielding a yearly revenue of about £680.

It is matter of deep thankfulness that during the infancy of this important Fund the amount required for annuities has hitherto been so small.

Three of the members died in 1878, namely, the Rev. P. Maclaren, formerly Minister of Brighton, but for some years resident in South Australia, who has left a widow and one daughter on the Fund, the claims of the latter lapsing after the next payment; the Rev. William Ewart, of Kentish Town, who has left a widow without children; and the Rev. C. de Boinville, of Kingston-on-Thames, who has left a widow with five children, all of whom are, however, grown up.

There are now 23 annuitants, namely, 10 widows and 13 orphans.

The arrangements sanctioned by last Synod for the admission of Ministers formerly of the United Presbyterian Church were carried out, and the result is that 42 names have been added to the Roll. It is to be regretted, however, that the additional capital of £2000, which was deemed necessary in connection with the admission of these new members, has not been raised; the severe pressure of the times having deterred the Committee charged with this business from attempting it. The Committee do not mean that it should be forgotten, and trust that a more favourable time may occur shortly.

It is right also to state that some of the Congregations, as many as 16, whose Ministers have been admitted to the Fund, have not yet forwarded their contribution in lieu of induction fee.

The Committee take this opportunity of calling the attention of the Church to the subject of the induction fee as a payment which is not optional with the Congregation, but forms part of the obligations undertaken at the settlement. It is needful to do this, as recently several Congregations have pleaded the pressure of local obligations as a reason for excusing themselves from this.

Three small legacies have been received—one of £50 from the late Mrs. Calder, of Eskbank, Dalkeith, and two of £5 each from the late Misses Mary and Ann Holborn, of Glanton.

T. W. BROWN,
Convener.

[*For Financial Statement, see under* "ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH," *at p.* 224.]

REPORT OF THE CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

When your Committee submitted their last Annual Report to the Synod, twenty-seven Churches had been placed upon their list for grants of £750 each. Their names are as follows:—Shrewsbury, Clapton, Gloucester, Bowden, Bournemouth, Ipswich, Ramsbottom, Wandsworth, Southport, Sale, Blyth, Holderness Road (Hull), Middlesborough, Stockton-on-Tees, Jarrow, Woolston, Waterloo, Whitby, Willesden, Streatham, Durham, Norwood, Aberdare, Wood Green, Crouch Hill, Porthsmouth, and York.

During the past year Hanover Square, Leeds, has been added to the above, making the number twenty-eight. Parkgate has also been provisionally placed upon the list.

As was anticipated, the energies of the Church have been directed during the year rather to consolidation than to extension. It cannot be doubted, however, that when the commercial depression which has weighed heavily upon the enterprises of the Church shall have passed away, a renewal of activity in Church extension will be experienced. Nor indeed can a Church long continue in a healthy condition without aggressive effort. In order to meet further demands upon their resources, your Committee must rely on additional grants from the Thanksgiving Fund, as the sources from which in former years their treasury was supplied have necessarily been diverted into another channel. For the reasons stated in the Reports of 1876 and 1877, the Committee respectfully solicit from the Synod the renewal of their recommendation, that the funds necessary for carrying on their important work be supplied by the Thanksgiving Distribution Committee.

The present Church Building Scheme contemplated the raising, during a period of five years, of a fund of £30,000, to aid in the erection of forty new Churches, by a grant in each case of £750. To this date the number of new Churches finally placed upon the list is, as has been stated, twenty-eight. The sum subscribed from all sources is £22,433 0s. 2d. In most instances the total subscriptions promised to the Church Building Fund, under the five years' scheme, have been paid. It is most desirable that instalments still outstanding should be handed either to the Local Treasurers or the General Treasurer

without delay. Change and death have in several instances deprived the Committee of promised subscriptions.

Out of the Subordinate Fund known as the "Aid and Loan Fund," help has been given or promised during the year to Blackhill, East Street (South Shields), and Kensington. This Fund consists mainly of repayments of loans made under the former Church Building and Debt Extinction Scheme. It has been of very great service in stimulating local effort, and in removing burdens of debt. The sum now in the treasury of the Aid and Loan Fund is £1817 7s. 4d. The reinforcement of this modest, but helpful Fund, from time to time, by subscriptions from the friends of the Church, would enable the Committee to extend the sphere of its usefulness.

R. H. LUNDIE,
Convener.

[*For Financial Statement, see under* "ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH," *at p.* 226.]

REPORT OF THE UNION THANKSGIVING FUND,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

In presenting to the Church their third Report, the Committee have to express regret that the depression in trade which has prevailed ever since the Fund was inaugurated, has continued throughout the past year most adversely to affect the interests of the Fund. Difficulty has been experienced in calling in arrears of Subscriptions, and it may be readily supposed that at a time when most departments of Christian effort are more or less straitened for means, very few additional subscriptions have been received.

It is also matter of regret that the recommendation of the Synod for an Annual Collection has only been responded to by one Congregation. The following comparative statement shows the position of the Fund now as compared with last year:—

	April, 1878. £	s.	d.	April, 1879. £	s.	d.
Right reserved to allocate	10,110	9	6	9,917	8	6
General Fund	44,836	16	1	44,650	3	1
Debt Liquidation	3	15	0	3	15	0
Church Extension	1,618	18	0	1,618	18	0
Theological Education	15,585	4	0	15,668	12	6
Foreign Missions	752	3	0	762	3	0
Jewish Missions	70	14	0	78	14	0
Local Purposes	52,852	10	0	61,352	19	1
	£125,830	9	7	£134,052	13	2

Of these amounts the following has been received by or accounted for to the General Treasurer:—

	£	s.	d.
Right reserved to allocate	2,369	1	0
General Fund	15,312	7	7
Debt Liquidation	—		
Church Extension	595	12	0
Theological Education	13,323	13	0
Foreign Missions	379	8	0
Jewish Missions	76	14	0
Local Purposes	38,734	16	2
	£70,791	11	9

In their last Report to the Synod the Committee recommended that the sum of about £2500, which was all they were able to estimate as likely to become available during the year, should be applied to Debt Liquidation. The recommendation having been adopted by the Synod, the Committee, after careful examination of applications by Schedules received from twenty-six Congregations, made proposals to thirteen of them, all of which were gratefully accepted.

The result will be that when arrangements entered into are carried out, eight Congregations will have extinguished their entire Debt, amounting to £6728, with the aid of grants to the amount of £1664, while with grants amounting to £850, other five Congregations will have reduced their Debt by £3000.

Thus, in the two years of the Fund's operations, arrangements have been made whereby Debt to the amount of £31,700 will be paid off with the aid of grants amounting to £11,364.

The Special Grant of £250 to Aberdare, authorised by the Synod at last meeting, has been paid over to the Committee appointed to superintend the carrying out of the arrangements made, and it is satisfactory to be able to report that this help, along with the Grant from the Church Building Fund, has secured the completion of the building of the Church, which will probably be opened in May.

The accounts show that £2489 instead of £1700, as estimated by the Committee in last Report, as likely to be paid during the year, has been received on General Fund Account. The Committee will use all diligence to collect further instalments as they become due, but as under present circumstances the realisation of these is attended with considerable uncertainty, they can only at present recommend that the Distribution Committee be entrusted with general authority to deal with such amount as may become available in the coming year.

They are of opinion that no better use can be made of it than by judiciously administered Grants in aid to stimulate the process of Debt Liquidation which has been so hopefully begun, and which seems to them indeed one of the most pressing claims on the Church's resources.

On the assumption, therefore, that the amount to be dealt with is not likely to be a very large one, they recommend that the Synod sanction its being used in this way.

In conclusion, the Committee can but again appeal to the Synod to urge the claims of the Fund on the Church at large.

They plead for help from the large number of Congregations which have as yet done nothing for the Fund, and they trust the recommendation that, where practicable, an annual collection be made, will be emphatically repeated, as by this means an opportunity of contributing to the Fund will be afforded to many who are not likely otherwise to do so.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee by

SAMUEL STITT,
THOMAS MATHESON, } *Joint-Conveners.*

[*For Financial Statement, see under* "Accounts of the Church," *at p.* 236.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

Your Committee report that the two monthly periodicals of the Church have been regularly issued during the year.

The new form adopted in the beginning of 1878 for the *Messenger* has secured the diffusion of a much greater amount of information relative to the work of the Church, both at home and abroad, than was possible in the smaller size in which it formerly appeared. But the enlargement of the journal has greatly increased the cost of production, and the increase of the circulation, by which your Committee expected to meet the extra cost, has not yet risen to an amount sufficient for this end. The result is that while the *Messenger* produced in 1877 a profit of £43 10s. 7d., a sum that would have been greatly increased had the enlargement not been made, there is a profit of only £2 11s. 3d on the year. Your Committee, however, having made the change in the interests of the Church at large, and having, as they believe, secured thereby the adequate representation of its varied schemes and operations, as well as provided a journal fitted by its devotional and practical papers to promote personal and family religion, feel that they may rely with confidence on the Ministers and Office-bearers of our various Congregations to use their best endeavours to obtain for it a circulation so general as shall carry its issue far above the point at which it now stands. They are persuaded that the ability with which the journal is conducted merits this, and that the interests of the Church require it.

The *Children's Messenger* has yielded a profit of £56 13s. 3d. on the year. The Committee have reason to believe that this little journal has been greatly acceptable and useful in the homes and classes into which it has won its way; but would earnestly commend it to families of the Church and Sunday Schools connected with it, in not a few of which they regret to think it is still unknown.

It may be interesting to show the gradual increase of the circulation of the two journals, during the time in which they have been under your Committee's charge. The following table gives the numbers issued in four successive years :—

	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Messenger.	8300	11,100	13,500	15,000
Children's Messenger . .	9600	15,000	20,000	20,000

The *Gospel in China*, a reprint of that portion of the *Messenger* devoted to Missions in China, has been issued monthly during the year, under the authority of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The *Gospel Messenger*, a reprint of the four pages devoted to practical and evangelistic papers, has not as yet received that attention by the Church which the Committee anticipated. It is prepared specially with the view of being fitted for distribution as a monthly tract in connection with District Missions, but it has been taken up for this purpose only by two or three Congregations. The Committee would earnestly call attention to ts availability for this important evangelistic purpose.

The interchange of the monthly periodicals of the United Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church of England among the Ministers of the two Churches has incurred an outlay of £35 16s. 1d.

In anticipation of shortly securing accommodation in the General Offices of the Church for the business under their care, your Committee in the beginning of 1878, as an interim arrangement, placed the publication of the two journals in the hands of a bookseller in Ave Maria Lane, Paternoster Row. But having been unable to obtain a suitable place in the Church Offices, they were constrained to take rooms for themselves, which, after much inquiry and necessary delay, they secured at 28, Warwick Lane. They also engaged a responsible agent to conduct the business there. These arrangements could not be completed before the end of 1878. During their progress your Committee regret to state that the agent to whom your Committee had entrusted the publication of the *Messengers* failed in business, and by this untoward event they lost a sum of £194. There is little prospect, they greatly fear, of recovering any portion of this amount from the bankrupt's estate.

The year has consequently been to your Committee one of great anxiety and pain. But though so heavy a loss has been sustained, and though to their regret considerable inconvenience has been experienced in connection with the publication and despatch of the *Messengers*, your Committee hope for the continuance of the Synod's confidence. They have now reason to believe that the business arrangements of their work will speedily attain an efficiency which it has hitherto been impossible to secure.

Some Ministers and other correspondents having found it advantageous to obtain publications other than those issued by your Committee through their agency, it was resolved to extend this advantage to the Ministers and Members of the Church at large. One of the rooms in the Office has accordingly been fitted up as a Book-room, and a stock of works likely to be required by the Ministers, Superintendents of Sabbath Schools, and Members of the Church, has been placed there by an arrangement with various publishers, which does not entail any pecuniary responsibility on your Committee. In taking this step, your Committee were influenced by the belief that they were extending their operations in a direction which was in harmony with the purpose for which they were appointed, and by the hope that they might thus be aided in meeting the necessarily heavy charges connected with their Office.

Your Committee regret that the collection appointed by last Synod, with the view of providing the necessary working capital for this work,

has been taken up by only a small number of Congregations. Your Committee trust that the Synod will renew their recommendation, that each Congregation make one collection for this purpose at such time as may be convenient. The contribution is requested once for all, and should the Churches that did not find themselves able to comply with last Synod's appointment, respond favourably this year to their claim, the work of your Committee will be placed on a secure and hopeful and creditable footing. Without unduly magnifying that work, the Committee cannot refrain from expressing the feeling that, amidst difficulties and discouragements, they have been endeavouring to lay the foundation of operations which may hereafter prove of incalculable benefit to the interests of our Church. Our beginnings have been small, but we trustfully anticipate that the latter end will greatly increase.

JOHN EDMOND,
Convener.

[*For Financial Statement, see under* "ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH," *at p.* 256.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION OF PREACHERS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

According to Synod's instructions, the Committee have endeavoured to construct a scheme for the Distribution of Preachers, and have much pleasure in submitting the following as the result of their labours :—

Rules for the Employment of Probationers.

1. That the Synod appoint a Committee on the Distribution of Probationers.

2. That that Committee make up a correct Roll of all the Probationers connected with the Church; of all the ordained Ministers belonging to it without charges who are willing to render occasional pulpit service or are desirous of obtaining a Call; and of all vacant charges and preaching stations.

3. That, in order to the preparation of said Roll, an instruction be given to Presbytery Clerks to notify to the Convener of the Committee—

(a.) The licences to preach granted by their respective Presbyteries, with dates of licence.

(b.) The names of ordained Ministers, as aforesaid, within their bounds, with dates of ordination.

(c.) The vacant charges and preaching stations in their respective Presbyteries, with names of Moderators of Sessions that are charged with the duty of procuring supply of Probationers.

4. That Probationers shall be entitled to appointments to vacant charges or preaching stations for a period of five years from the date of licence; and ordained Ministers without charges to an equal privilege, in respect of appointments to vacancies or preaching stations, for a period of two years from the date of their being received on the Roll; this Roll, No. 1, to be called "The Roll for Supply of Vacant Charges;" it being understood—

(a.) That when anyone has been laid aside by lengthened sickness, the time so consumed shall not be included in the term of probation.

(b.) That in the case of Probationers and Ministers who have been received from other Churches, the time they may have spent on the Probationers' Roll of said Churches shall be counted as part of the term allowed by this Church, no departure from this rule to be allowed in any case without the permission of the Synod.

(c) That on the expiry of the term of probation, Probationers and Ministers, as aforesaid, shall have the option of retaining their names on a separate Roll, No. 2, to be called "The Roll for Occasional Supply," but they shall not be entitled to appointments to vacant charges.

5. That vacant Congregations be supplied by this Committee from the Probationers on the Roll during the vacancy, and that vacant Congregations who wish to keep arrangements for supply in their own hands, be instructed to notify the same to the Convener of the Committee, and be recommended to employ the Probationers on the Roll as far as possible; it being understood—

That vacant Congregations shall not make arrangements for supply with any one on the Roll, nor any one on the Roll make application to be heard in vacant Congregations, except through the Committee.

6. That when a Session or Congregation desires the services of a particular Probationer or Minister, they shall communicate that desire, through the Clerk or Moderator of Session, to the Convener of the Committee, who shall give effect to it as soon as practicable, on the condition that any expenses or losses incurred by displacements thereby made in the list of appointments shall be borne by the Congregation at whose request the change is made.

7. That appointments to vacant Congregations do not exceed two Sabbaths at one time; or to preaching stations three months, unless by special arrangement made by the Presbytery through the Committee.

8. That the Committee meet monthly or quarterly, as may be most expedient, for the purpose of considering applications for supply and of arranging appointments to vacant Congregations and stations.

9. That when a Probationer accepts a Call he shall give notice to the Convener of the Committee; and no further appointments to vacant Congregations shall be made to him, and any appointments of this nature in his hand at the time shall be cancelled.

10. That as the labourer is worthy of his hire, vacant Congregations receiving the services of Probationers be instructed to afford them a fair and adequate remuneration—viz., 30s. per Sabbath as a minimum allowance, exclusive of board and travelling expenses; the Presbytery to determine in the case of preaching stations the allowance that shall be made for supply.

JAMES MUIR,
Convener.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S COMMITTEE ON PROVISION FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

During the past year the Committee has chiefly confined its attention to the securing of the recognition by the War Office as acting Chaplains of such of our Ministers as officiate to the Army. There is still much in this direction to be done. The Committee feel that the importance of their work becomes more pressing and urgent the more they realise its true character. It is a branch of Mission work which the Church having once taken up cannot abandon. It is the intention of the Committee, if re-appointed by the Synod, to apply to the War Office and the Admiralty to have the Acting Chaplains of our Church recognised as such in the Army and Navy Lists. Your Committee has during the past year acted in cordial harmony with the corresponding Committee of the Irish Presbyterian Church, and negotiations of an important character are now pending.

JOHN G. WRIGHT,

Convener.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAPSED PRESBYTERIANS.

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

The Committee on Lapsed Presbyterians, in presenting their Report to the Synod, desire to acknowledge the goodness of God in the success which He has granted to the efforts made in recent years for a revival of Presbyterianism in England.

The Importance of the Subject.

They further express their sense of the great importance of the work committed by the Synod to them. By the failure of Presbyterians from Scotland and Ireland, on their settlement in England, to continue their connection with the Church of their fathers, the English Presbyterian Church has suffered in a variety of ways: in the loss in numbers and influence occasioned; in the abandonment of the principles involved in the simple and Scriptural doctrines and modes of worship, which have been the pride and glory of the system; and in ignoring those imperishable associations which have made the Scottish Presbyterianism of former days to be known and honoured in all lands. It has suffered besides in the discouragement of those striving with energy and liberality for its restoration in this country. Evidence has also been furnished of singular inconsistency on the part of those who, with a change of country and of circumstances, have found it so easy to change their religious views, and to relinquish their ancestral principles, so dearly bought, so highly prized, and so greatly blessed by God. It will be evident, from the figures embodied in this Report, that if Presbyterians settling in England had been true to their principles, the Presbyterian Church of England would now be one of the most numerous and influential Churches in the world.

Basis of Calculation.

The basis of the figures to be found in this Report and in the Appendix are the Census Returns for England and Wales for the years 1841 and 1871, in which the birthplaces of the people are given.

Principles of Calculation.

The "Representative Presbyterians" are made up as follows:—

(1.) All those returned as "born in Scotland" are thus designated, because although this is not actually so, yet those who are not Presbyterians are more than counterbalanced by the Presbyterians among those returned as born in America, the Colonies, and the Continent, who are not included in this estimate.

(2.) Of those returned as "born in Ireland," in the Census of 1841, 5½ per cent. are taken as Presbyterians, and in the Census of 1871, 5 per cent. The Presbyterians in Ireland in these years were 8 and 9 per cent. of the whole population.

These are, properly speaking, neither heads of families nor ordinary members of families—they are therefore called "Representative Presbyterians."

Of those "born in Scotland" 79 per cent., and of those "born in Ireland" 88 per cent., were twenty years of age or over. Many were, no doubt, for years resident in England, with children and grandchildren, who, not having been "born in Scotland" or "Ireland," are not included in the "Representative Presbyterians."

To estimate the number born in Scotland and Ireland, including their families, the figures of the "Representative Presbyterians" are doubled; but it must be carefully noted that this estimate does not comprise the descendants of those settled previously in England, nor those who have joined the Church from other Communions or from the outside public, which would immensely increase the total.

To ascertain in 1871 the number of the descendants of those previously settled in this country, the Census Returns for 1841 of those born in Scotland and Ireland are taken and doubled for their families. The increase is then calculated according to the increase of the population between 1841 and 1871, and the result, added to double the Scotch and Irish born Presbyterians in 1871, less 20 per cent. of those reckoned in 1841 as still living and included in the Return for 1871, gives an estimate of what the total Presbyterian population in the last-named year should be. These principles will be better understood when they come to be applied.

Nothing is said of those gained from other Communions, as the gains in this respect may be taken as counterbalanced by corresponding losses; and as no calculation is made for those gathered in from the outside public, it is evident the Committee are not overstraining their case.

Application of These Principles.

In applying these principles the Committee make the following selection, referring for fuller details to the tables in the Appendix.

England and Wales.

In the whole of England and Wales the provision made by the Presbyterian Church of England stood thus in 1878 :—Presbyteries, 10 ; Congregations and Stations, 271 ; Communicants, 51,847 ; filling up for some Congregations which had not made returns. To these may be added about 20 Congregations of the Church of Scotland and other bodies, with, say, 4000 members. Such was the strength of English Presbyterianism in 1878.

It was impossible not to feel that this would have been a most inadequate provision if Presbyterians had been true to themselves and their principles. They had in England and Wales in 1871 a population of 22,700,000, and in 1878 of 24,500,000. To ascertain the number of those who should have been Presbyterians in 1871, the "Representative Presbyterians" in 1841 in England and Wales are taken as 119,000 ; these are doubled for their families, and adding 50 per cent. for the increase of the population, would become 357,000 in 1871. Then, taking the Representative Presbyterians given in the Census of 1871 as born in Scotland and Ireland at 241,000, deducting from these 20 per cent. of the 119,000 in 1841 as being still alive and included in the returns for 1871, there remain 217,000, which doubled for the families would give 434,000 ; and these added to the 357,000 descendants of the 119,000 in 1841, would give a total in 1871 of 791,000—that is to say, a Church with 1977 Congregations of the strength of those now in existence. Of course, if an estimate were made for 1878, the number given above would be largely augmented.

The Metropolis.

In the Metropolis, if we suppose the actual number of all Presbyterian Congregations to be 50, each having an average of 400 persons connected with it, there would be a total of 20,000 persons, and about 11,000 communicants. The population in 1871 was 3,254,260.

To ascertain the number of those who should have been Presbyterians in 1877, and reckoning as before—that is, taking the Scotch and Irish Presbyterians in 1841 as 30,000, doubling these for the persons, and doubling these again for the increase of the population, which was just 100 per cent. between 1841 and 1877, would give 120,000. The Representative Presbyterians in 1877 were, say, 50,000. From these deduct 20 per cent. of those reckoned in 1841 as still living, and doubling the remaining 44,000 for their families, they had 88,000, which, added to 120,000, as above, would give a total of 208,000 Presbyterians in the Metropolis in 1877, or materials for 250 Congregations each twice the strength of those now in existence.

The Presbytery of London.

The Presbytery of London covered nine counties and the Channel Isles, having a population of nearly 7,000,000 in 1871, with 135,000 estimated persons in the families of Representative Presbyterians—that is, without reckoning the descendants of those who had settled in 1841 and previously, 337 Congregations of 400 each. There were 71 Congregations and Stations and 13,179 members in 1878.

Counties and Towns with One Congregation each, and with None.

There were in 1877 ten counties with one Congregation in each :— Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Hereford, Shropshire, Worcester, Leicester, Lincoln, Nottingham, and Derby. Population 3,371,341, and Presbyterians 22,234 in 1871. Congregations 10, and members 843 in 1878.

There were in 1877 fourteen counties with none : — Hertford, Buckingham, Oxford, Northampton, Huntingdon, Bedford, Cambridge, Wilts, Dorset, Cornwall, Somerset, Rutland, Westmoreland, and Monmouth. Population 2,747,913, and Presbyterians 16,920 in 1871.

There were several important towns, with an aggregate population in 1871 of 1,043,840, with 19,842 estimated persons in the families of Representative Presbyterians, and containing one Congregation each, with a total of 1208 members. See Appendix—Table No. II.

Five towns or districts, with an aggregate population of 281,036, and 5462 estimated persons in the families of Representative Presbyterians, are only specimens of many which had not any Congregation in 1877. See Appendix—Table No. III.

Conclusion.

In the figures presented in this Report and Appendix the Committee believe that they have understated their case. They have made no allusion to Presbyterian settlers in England from America, the Colonies, and the Continent, with their descendants, or to those gathered in from the outside public and from other Communions, who, it is well known, constitute a large proportion of the Congregations of the Church. Indeed, even without these, and adopting the almost incredible and humiliating supposition that the entire Presbyterians of 1841 and previous years, with their descendants, were, without exception, lost to the Presbyterian Church, and taking into account only the Scotch and Irish born in 1871, with their families, there should be, in 1877, instead of 290 Congregations 1300, or, according to the fuller figures under England and Wales, upwards of 2000.

Many causes have been assigned for this extensive and long-continued defection, and several remedies have been suggested. The Committee, however, believe that in the collection of the figures now presented they have done enough, in the first instance at least, to

awaken a deep sense of shame and a careful inquiry among the Presbyterian Churches of the United Kingdom on the subject, and would suggest a Conference, to be held in some central place after the forthcoming meetings of the Supreme Courts of the Churches in England, Scotland, and Ireland, to consider the whole question, and to take such action as may appear to be desirable.

VERNER M. WHITE,
Convener.

APPENDIX.—

It must be particularly noted that the figures under the heads of Representative those persons and not their descendants, or to those gained by the Church from

		1841.		
		Total Population.	Representative Presbyterians. — Born in Scotland and 5½ per cent. of those born in Ireland.	Estimated Presbyterians. — Double the previous column.
England and Wales		15,906,741	119,155	238,310
Division I.	The Metropolis ..	1,873,676	29,680	59,360
Division II. South-Eastern Counties	Surrey	582,678	5,402	10,804
	Kent	548,337	5,087	10,174
	Sussex	299,753	1,132	2,264
	Hampshire	355,004	2,211	4,422
	Berkshire	161,147	562	1,124
	Total Division II. ..	1,946,919	14,394	28,788
Division III. South Midland Counties.	Middlesex	1,576,636	24,115	48,230
	Hertford	157,207	420	840
	Buckingham .	155,983	289	578
	Oxford	161,643	250	500
	Northampton ..	199,228	429	858
	Huntingdon	58,549	84	168
	Bedford	107,936	184	368
	Cambridge	164,459	281	562
	Total Division III. ..	2,581,641	26,052	52,104
Division IV. Eastern Counties.	Essex	344,979	759	1,518
	Suffolk	315,073	401	802
	Norfolk	412,664	608	1,216
	Total Division IV. ..	1,072,716	1,768	3,536
Division V. South-Western Counties	Wiltshire	258,733	317	634
	Dorset	175,043	259	518
	Devon	533,460	1,265	2,530
	Cornwall	341,279	414	828
	Somerset	435,982	834	1,668
	Total Division V. ..	1,744,497	3,089	6,178

TABLE No. I.

Presbyterians and Estimated Presbyterians only refer to the immediate families of other Communions or the general public, which would largely increase the numbers.

1871.			Provision by Presbyterian Church of England in 1878.		
Total Population.	Representative Presbyterians. — Born in Scotland and 5 per cent. of those born in Ireland.	Estimated Presbyterians. — Double the previous column.	Number of Presbyteries or parts of Presbyteries.	Number of Congregations.	Number of Communicants.
22,712,266	241,581	483,162	10	271	51,847
3,254,260	45,587	91,174	1	43	10,367
1,091,635	10,823	21,646	1	10	1,835
848,294	8,109	16,218	1	10	1,763
417,456	2,198	4,396	1	6	527
544,684	7,223	14,446	1	7	965
196,475	914	1,828	1	2	213
3,098,544	29,267	58,534	1	35	5,303
2,539,765	36,304	72,608	1	29	7,252
192,226	800	1,600	0	0	0
175,879	512	1,024	0	0	0
177,975	441	882	0	0	0
243,891	600	1,200	0	0	0
63,708	131	262	0	0	0
146,257	354	708	0	0	0
186,906	317	634	0	0	0
3,726,607	39,459	78,918	1	29	7,252
466,436	2,689	5,378	1	1	94
348,869	665	1,330	1	1	96
438,656	05	1,610	1	1	220
1,253,961	4,159	8,318	1	3	410
257,177	499	998	0	0	0
195,537	645	1,290	0	0	0
601,374	2,774	5,548	1	2	320
362,343	600	1,200	0	0	0
463,483	1,203	2,406	0	0	0
1,879,914	5,721	11,442	1	2	320

APPENDIX.—

		1841.		
		Total Population.	Representative Presbyterians. — Born in Scotland and 5½ per cent. of those born in Ireland.	Estimated Presbyterians. — Double the previous column.
Division VI. West Midland Counties	Gloucester	431,383	1,553	3,106
	Hereford	113,878	144	288
	Shropshire	239,048	457	914
	Staffordshire ..	510,504	1,328	2,656
	Worcestershire ..	233,336	461	922
	Warwickshire ..	401,715	1,706	3,412
	Total Division VI. ..	1,929,864	5,649	11,298
Division VII. North Midland Counties	Leicestershire ..	215,867	429	858
	Rutlandshire ..	21,302	27	54
	Lincoln	362,602	656	1,312
	Nottingham.. ..	249,910	718	1,436
	Derbyshire	272,217	589	1,178
	Total Division VII.	1,121,898	2,419	4,838
Division VIII. North-Western Counties	Lancashire	1,667,054	27,572	55,144
	Cheshire	395,660	2,445	4,890
	Total Division VIII.	2,062,714	30,017	60,034
Division IX.	Yorkshire	1,591,480	6,981	13,962
Division X. Northern Counties.	Durham	324,284	7,569	15,138
	Northumberland ..	250,278	12,197	24,394
	Cumberland.. ..	178,038	6,623	13,246
	Westmoreland ..	56,454	444	888
	Total Division X. ..	809,054	26,833	53,666
Division XI. Monmouth and Wales.	Monmouthshire ..	134,355	490	980
	South Wales ..	515,293	979	1,958
	North Wales ..	396,310	484	968
	Total Division XI. ..	1,045,958	1,953	3,906

TABLE No. I.—(*Continued.*)

1871.			Provision by Presbyterian Church of England in 1878.		
Total Population.	Representative Presbyterians. — Born in Scotland and 5 per cent. of those born in Ireland.	Estimated Presbyterians. — Double the previous column.	Number of Presbyteries or parts of Presbyteries.	Number of Congregations.	Number of Communicants.
534,640	2,500	5,000	1	3	604
125,370	428	856	1	1	
248,111	849	1,698	1	1	69
858,326	3,730	7,460	1	5	426
338,837	1,270	2,540	1	1	148
634,189	3,202	6,404	1	5	514
2,739,473	11,979	23,958	2	16	1,761
269,311	817	1,634	1	1	53
22,073	59	118	0	0	0
436,599	1,114	2,228	1	1	100
319,758	1,074	2,148	1	1	89
379,394	1,406	2,812	1	1	96
1,427,135	4,470	8,940	2	4	338
2,819,495	55,271	110,542	2	44	10,383
561,201	8,514	17,028	2	13	2,559
3,380,696	63,785	127,570	2	57	12,942
2,436,355	18,331	36,662	2	13	1,741
685,089	23,474	46,948	2	27	5,050
386,646	23,455	46,910	4	69	14,565
220,253	10,941	21,882	1	13	1,694
65,010	1,350	2,700	0	0	0
1,356 998	59,220	118,440	5	109	21,309
195 448	949	1,898	0	0	0
764 339	2,679	5,358	1	3	471
452.796	1,545	3,090	0	0	0
1,412,583	5,173	10,346	1	3	471

TABLE No. II.

Towns or Districts with one Congregation.

Towns or Districts.	Population in 1871.	Scotch and Irish born and their families in 1871.	Congregations—1878.	Members—1878.
Sheffield	239,946	3,436	1	130
Bolton	82,853	1,996	1	232
Chester	35,257	1,068	1	128
York	43,796	948	1	90
Bradford	145,830	3,626	1	215
Warrington	54,394	926	1	27
Bristol	182,552	2,452	1	229
Leeds (2 Congregations) ..	259,212	5,390	2	157
Total	1,043,840	19,842	9	1,208

TABLE No. III.

Towns or Districts without any Congregation.

Towns or Districts.	Population in 1871.	Scotch and Irish born and their families in 1871.	Congregations in 1877.
Huddersfield	70,253	1,006	0
Halifax	65 510	1,138	0
Lancaster	17,245	474	0
Bury	14,928	1,250	0
Oldham	113, 100	1,594	0
Total	218,036	5,462	0

LAW AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

Your Committee have much pleasure in reporting that, in accordance with the instructions of Synod, they have made further progress in preparing the Rules of Procedure of the Church; and they now beg to present the portions relating to the Synod, Deacons' Courts, and Boards of Management. The preparation of such rules has been entrusted to a small Sub-Committee, consisting of the Revs. Dr. Edmond and William Ballantyne, and the Convener, who have taken the utmost pains over the draft, and carefully considered every rule in the light of the existing practice of the Congregations previously belonging to the two sections of the Church, viz., the Presbyterian Church in England, and the United Presbyterian Church—the object of the Sub-Committee being in each case to consider what is the best and most convenient form for the practice of the United Church.

The Synod having instructed the Committee to consider whether it would not be possible to remove the anomaly of constituting the Presbytery both prosecutors and judges in matters of libel, by limiting their duties to the framing of the libel and the taking of proof, leaving the trial and judgment in the hands of a Superior Court, the Sub-Committee have given much attention to this subject. The practice of requiring one and the same body to act as prosecutors and judges is confessedly unsatisfactory, whether the duties of the prosecution be assumed by the Presbytery itself, or entrusted by them to certain members of Court acting on its behalf. It was suggested that cases of libel should go direct from the Presbytery to the Synod for trial and judgment, but that would involve the equally unsatisfactory alternative of having one trial only, with no power of appeal. To provide for this want the Sub-Committee are shut up to a recommendation to create a new intermediate Court to take cognisance of all matters of libel, remitted to the same by the Presbyteries, and from whom an appeal would be to the Synod. The intermediate Court, by whatever name it may be called, might also act as a Commission of Synod for the consideration of any matter committed to the same by the Synod, or requiring, in emergency, the immediate attention of the Church. A Commission of Synod having previously existed in the Presbyterian

Church in England, there is no novelty in the formation of such a Court, in so far as its duties in that capacity are concerned; whilst its usefulness, both as a Judicial and an Administrative Court, would be considerable. It is understood, moreover, that the proposed Court would be required so long only as the Church continues without a General Assembly with Provincial Synods, and that immediately as these come into existence the functions and jurisdiction of the new Court would devolve of right to the regular Courts of the Church.

Until the preparation of the Rules and Procedure in Church Courts is completed, your Committee have not deemed it desirable to examine the returns sent by Presbyteries with their observations and emendations on the draft of the former portions relating to the Congregation, Sessions, and Presbytery. They suggest that the portion now submitted, upon the Synod, Deacons' Courts, and Managers, be referred to the Presbyteries in like manner, and that returns of the same be made to your Committee as soon as possible, not later than the end of October next. When that is done, and the whole is in their hands, your Committee will revise the whole, put all its parts in due order and in proper analogy, attach in proper places the requisite forms, and together with an introduction explanatory of the system of procedure in the Presbyterian Church, submit the same to the meeting of Synod in 1880.

Your Committee have had under consideration the Overture of the Presbytery of London relating to Sabbath Schools. It seemed, however, to your Committee inexpedient to enter into minute legislation in regard to the Sabbath Schools. In their opinion the Synod should confine itself to placing a Clause in the Rules of Procedure to the effect that this important institution, being a department of spiritual work, is under the Session of the Congregation, and should be the object of its earnest and sympathetic care. Your Committee will see that a Clause to this effect be added to the Rules of Procedure as regards Sessions, should the same be not already provided. It has been suggested also that provision should be made for the appointment of Assessors when necessary in the various subordinate Courts, and this also will have due attention when the draft is finally revised.

Your Committee have desired the Sub-Committee carefully to consider the Standing Orders of the Synod, at present only regarded *ad interim*, with a view to their amendment, or, where practicable, engrafted in the Rules of Procedure relating to the Synod. The Sub-Committee have examined such Standing Orders, and some of them are now submitted as amended, with a view to their being sent to Presbyteries, the Committee reserving the final revision and arrangement of such Standing Orders till the completion of the Rules of Procedure.

Your Committee have received from Presbyteries returns relating to the Draft Model Trust Deed, with their suggestions thereon. The alterations suggested in the Deed have been carefully considered. Clauses XVII. and XVIII. of the Draft have been expunged, in deference to the suggestion of a majority of Presbyteries, and the same, as corrected, is now submitted to the Synod, together with forms to be

used where the property is freehold or leasehold, as well as for Manses and Schools, with a draft memorandum of agreement to be signed by the Minister relative to the Manse.

Your Committee again call the attention of Synod to the necessity of taking early steps to provide in some way for the safe custody of all Trust and Title Deeds connected with the Church. And they recommend that when any Congregation keeps such Deeds in the hands of private individuals, communication of the names of such be made to the Presbytery.

In accordance with the instruction of Synod, your Committee have had much pleasure in sending a communication to the Presbyterian Historical Society of Pennsylvania, in acknowledgment of their letter, and have also forwarded them a copy of the Digest of the Actings and Proceedings of the Presbyterian Church in England from 1836 to 1876, and of the Minutes of Synod from the date of the Union.

In conclusion, your Committee recommend the Synod to remit the further portion of the Rules of Procedure, with the Standing Orders now submitted, to the Presbyteries, with instructions to return the same to your Committee on or before the 31st October next;

To authorise your Committee to revise the whole of the Rules of Procedure, to attach to the same the necessary forms, and to submit the same in a complete form to the Synod in 1880;

And to empower your Committee to issue the Model Trust Deed, finally revised by Counsel, and to place the same in the hands of the Publication Committee for publication for the use of the Church.

LEONE LEVI,

Convener.

MODEL TRUST DEED.

[*These recitals to be used only when the Trustees are seized in fee of the property being of a freehold tenure. If the property is leasehold, substitute for the word "heir" the words "executors and administrators," and for the word "seized" substitute the word "possessed."*]

To all to whom THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME

The Trustees in whom certain property is vested declaring the trusts of it in favour of the Presbyterian Church of England.

SEND GREETING. WHEREAS the said

The parcels in respect of which the trusts are declared by this present instrument.

are seized of or entitled to

with the appurtenances for an estate of inheritance in fee simple in possession free from incumbrances. AND WHEREAS the said

are desirous to stand and be seized of the said hereditaments and premises upon and for the trusts intents and purposes and in the manner hereinafter expressed.

Witness.

NOW THESE PRESENTS WITNESS that for effectuating the said desire and in consideration of the premises IT IS HEREBY DECLARED AND AGREED that the said

their [heirs] and assigns shall stand and be [seized] of the said hereditaments and premises upon the trusts and with and subject to the powers provisoes agreements and declarations hereinafter declared and contained concerning the same (that is to say)

1.—UPON TRUST that they the said

Trusts for erection of Church and conveniences.

and the survivors or survivor of them and the [heirs] of such survivor and their or his assigns (who are hereinafter referred to as the Trustees) do and shall with and out of the moneys now or hereafter to be possessed by them for that purpose as soon as conveniently may be after the execution of these trusts erect and build upon the said land and hereditaments or upon some part thereof a Church or Building for public religious worship in connection with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England with or without Vestry Session-room Schoolroom or Schoolrooms Lecture Hall Minister's House Teacher's House or any of them respectively and with or without all such other buildings conveniences and appurtenances of whatsoever nature or description and in such manner as the persons lawfully exercising control over the temporal affairs of the Congregation hereinafter referred to as the Managers shall from time to time deem expedient or necessary and shall in the execution of the trusts aforesaid act under the direction of such Managers.

2.—AND UPON TRUST from time to time and at all times hereafter to permit and suffer the said Church or Building and other trust premises to be used and occupied for a place of Religious Worship and for the other purposes herein contained concerning the same.

For religious and other purposes.

3.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that the doctrines to be preached or taught in the said Church or in any School or Schools for religious or for secular and religious instruction in connection therewith and the worship to be observed and conducted in the said Church and the government and discipline of the Congregation from time to time belonging to the said Church and the ministrations and duties of the Ministers Elders Deacons or Managers and Members thereof shall be such as are consistent with the Presbyterian form of Church Government and agreeable to the following Standards of the Assembly of Divines convened at Westminster in the year 1643 (that is to say) the Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms such Standards being interpreted or explained in case of any doubt or difficulty by the Ecclesiastical Association or Body now designated and known as the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England and whether such Synod shall or shall not at any time or times hereafter associate or unite itself with or take into union any other body or associated bodies of Christians of any denomination whatever adhering to the aforesaid Standards (which Synod is hereinafter referred to as the Synod) and also such as shall be consistent with and agreeable to such additional directions or

Doctrines and discipline to be taught and observed.

rules as to worship government or discipline (if any) as may from time to time be prescribed or ordained by the Synod. PROVIDED ALWAYS that in case of the adoption at any time hereafter by the Synod or General Assembly of the said Church of a Compendium or Abridgment of the said Standards or a Declaration of Faith in harmony with the doctrines of the same as the Standard of the said Church the same shall be held as equivalent to the aforesaid Standards. PROVIDED ALSO that every such interpretation or explanation and additional directions or rules Abridgment or Declaration shall be entered in some book or document belonging to the Synod and signed by the Moderator and Clerk thereof.

The Congregation to be subject to the Judicatories of the Presbyterian Church of England, &c.

4.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that the Congregation consisting of Minister Elders Deacons or Managers and Members shall be subject to the Judicatories of the Presbyterian Church of England and that the administration of the affairs of the Congregation in all respects shall be in accordance with and regulated by the Presbyterian form of Church Government as interpreted explained and carried out by the rules regulations and forms of precedure as may be approved and adopted from time to time of the Synod of the said Church.

Powers of Session.

5.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that subject to the revision of the Presbytery hereinafter mentioned and of the Synod the superintendence and control of the spiritual and ecclesiastical affairs of the said Congregation shall be vested in the Session that is to say the Minister or Ministers and Elders thereof for the time being.

Deposition to take away all rights and powers in Ministry or others deposed.

6.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that whenever any Minister Elder Deacon or Manager or other person shall be deposed suspended or removed from his office or shall cease to be such he shall *ipso facto* immediately cease to occupy any part of the said hereditaments and premises and to have any trust estate or interest in the said premises or exercise any function or office in the said Congregation and shall be absolutely deprived of all the civil and pecuniary rights emoluments stipend or salary to which by virtue of his office he would but for such sentence have been entitled and shall forthwith deliver up to the Trustees all such parts of the said trust estate and premises and all such deeds books papers moneys and effects belonging or relating thereto as may then be in his occupation possession or power.

Alterations and repairs of church and buildings.

7.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that it shall be lawful for the Trustees at the request of the Managers to take down alter enlarge repair or rebuild the said Church or other buildings and premises or any of them or any part or parts thereof. AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER DECLARED that for the purposes of erecting and building the said Church Vestry Sessionroom Schoolroom or Schoolrooms Lecture Hall Minister's House Teacher's House and other conveniences and appurtenances hereinbefore mentioned or any of them or for the purpose of making such alterations enlargements reparations or rebuildings as aforesaid or any of them the Trustees may

whenever they shall be requested so to do by the Managers with the consent in writing of the Presbytery to be signified under the hands of the Moderator and Clerk for the time being of the Presbytery raise borrow take up and receive whenever and as often as the Trustees or the major part of them see fit from any person or persons who shall be willing to advance and lend the same any sum or sums of money upon mortgage or lien of the said trust premises and for that purpose from time to time to convey and assure in fee or for any term or terms of years and with or without power of sale the said trust premises or any part thereof to any person or persons or to deposit the title-deeds of the said trust premises or any of them or to create any equitable charge or lien on the said trust premises or any of them for securing such sum or sums of money as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid or any of them. PROVIDED ALWAYS that no Trustees or Trustee shall be bound to incur any personal responsibility for any debt or debts which may be contracted for any of the purposes aforesaid. Power to borrow money.

8.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that it shall be lawful for the Trustees at the request of the Managers with the consent of the Presbytery to be signified in writing under the hands of the Moderator and Clerk for the time being of the Presbytery at any time or times hereafter absolutely to sell and dispose of any such part or parts of the said hereditaments and premises either altogether or in parcels and for such price or prices as they may be able to obtain and to assure the same to the purchaser or purchasers freed and absolutely discharged from the trusts of these presents and the Trustees shall apply the money which shall arise from every such sale in discharging all the incumbrances liabilities and responsibilities whether personal or otherwise lawfully contracted or occasioned in execution of the trusts of these presents and subsequent thereto the surplus (if any) shall be paid to the Managers to be by them applied in such manner with the consent of the Presbytery to be signified in writing in manner aforesaid as they shall deem expedient on behalf of the Church. Powers of disposition with consent of Presbytery. Proceeds of sale, how to be applied.

9.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that if in the discretion of the Managers it shall at any time or times hereafter be deemed necessary or expedient to procure another place of worship or other building or buildings for the use of the Congregation then and in every such case it shall be lawful for the Trustees with the consent of the Presbytery to be signified in writing as aforesaid to sell the said trust premises or any part thereof either altogether or in parcels and for such price or prices as they may be able to obtain and to assure the same to the purchaser or purchasers freed and absolutely discharged from the trusts of these presents. And the money arising from such last-mentioned sale or sales shall in the first place be applied in discharging all such incumbrances liabilities and responsibilities as aforesaid and subject thereto the surplus (if any) shall be applied by the Trustees in or towards the procuring or completing of such other place of worship or buildings and conveniences (if any) as may have been contemplated Powers of disposition of unoccupied place of worship when a more suitable site is obtained.

on making such sale. And the residue (if any) shall be paid to the Managers to be by them applied in such manner and for such purposes hereinafter in the 10th Clause mentioned.

Powers to let.

10.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that if at any time hereafter the pew-rents voluntary contributions of the Members of the Congregation or other available sources of income in connection with or belonging to the said trust estate and premises shall be inadequate to discharge the interest of any money borrowed and to maintain the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of Ordinances in or upon the said trust premises it shall be lawful for the Trustees on specifying the object and obtaining the consent of the Presbytery signified in writing as aforesaid from time to time or at any time to let the said trust premises or any part or parts thereof for any term of years not exceeding seven years altogether for such rent fine or other sum of money as they may be able to obtain and after discharging all expenses and liabilities incident to the execution of the trusts of these presents to invest or pay over the surplus in such manner as shall be approved of by the Presbytery to be signified in writing as aforesaid in order that the same may accumulate until the Presbytery shall consider it expedient to resume the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of Ordinances in or upon the said trust premises. But

Powers of disposition without consent of Presbytery.

if the Trustees shall be unable to let the said trust premises in manner aforesaid for so much money as will suffice to defray the current charges for interest of debt (if any) and for repairs insurance and other necessary expenses and if they shall desire to retire and be discharged from the execution of the said trust (no proper persons being found to undertake the execution of the said trusts) then and in every such case it shall be lawful for the Trustees without any such consent of the Presbytery as aforesaid to sell and dispose of the said trust premises or any part thereof either altogether or in parcels and for such price or prices as they may be able to obtain and to assure or cause to be assured the same to the purchaser or purchasers freed and absolutely discharged from the trusts of these presents. And the money arising from such

Proceeds of disposition under last-mentioned powers.

last-mentioned sale or sales shall in the first place be applied in discharging all such incumbrances liabilities and responsibilities as aforesaid and subject thereto the surplus (if any) shall be paid to the Treasurer for the time being of the Synod to be applied under the direction and at the discretion of the Synod for the spiritual benefit of the Congregation or for such other religious purposes in connection with the Synod as to the Synod shall seem meet. PROVIDED

No sale however under such last-mentioned power to take place unless previous intimation be given to the Presbytery and Synod.

ALWAYS AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that no sale shall be made under the power contained in this clause unless the Trustees or the major part of them shall have given notice in writing to the Moderator and Clerk of the Presbytery three calendar months at least prior to the annual meeting of the Synod and to the Moderator and Clerk of the Synod one calendar month at least prior to the annual meeting of the Synod of the intention to make such sale and of the reason for the same nor unless the Presbytery and the Synod shall from the time of the giving of the first of such notices down to the

expiration of three calendar months next after such annual meeting respectively refuse or neglect to give or provide the Trustees with such pecuniary assistance as would enable them to continue the execution of the trusts of these presents or refuse or neglect to provide other Trustees to take upon themselves the execution thereof. AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that at any time after the receipt of any such notice as aforesaid it shall be lawful for the Presbytery or for the Synod to appoint such persons to be Trustees of the said hereditaments and premises as they or either of them may think proper.

If notice of sale be given by Trustees because of their inability to find fresh Trustees, the Presbytery may appoint Trustees.

11.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that it shall not be incumbent on any mortgagee lessee or purchaser to inquire into the necessity or propriety of any mortgage demise or sale or the purposes for or the circumstances under which the same may be made nor whether any Minister Elder Deacon or Manager has been duly appointed or whether any such consent as aforesaid from the Presbytery or the Synod or either of them has been given and signed or at all previously obtained nor to inquire whether any notice or notices was or were given to the Presbytery or the Synod or either of them or any other person or persons or was or were valid nor whether the Presbytery or the Synod or either of them refused pecuniary assistance or to appoint other Trustees as aforesaid nor whether the Managers had deemed it necessary or expedient to procure another place of worship or other buildings as aforesaid nor otherwise into the property or validity of such mortgage demise or sale nor be affected by express notice that all or any of the foregoing requisites or directions for a mortgage demise or sale or any other antecedent steps or directions to the due execution of any of the trusts or powers herein contained have not been complied with.

Protection to mortgagees, lessees, and purchasers.

12.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that the receipt and receipts of a majority of the Trustees shall in all cases of payment made to them or any of them as such Trustees or Trustee as aforesaid be a full discharge to the person or persons entitled to such receipt or receipts his her or their heirs executors administrators and assigns for all mortgage moneys purchase moneys rents or other moneys therein respectively expressed and acknowledged to have been received by any such Trustees or Trustee as aforesaid. AND it shall not be incumbent upon any such mortgagee or mortgagees lessee or lessees purchaser or purchasers or any of them or any other person or persons his her or their heirs executors administrators or assigns paying money to such Trustees to see to the application or be answerable or accountable for the loss misapplication or non-application of such purchase or other money or any part thereof for which a receipt or receipts shall be so respectively given as aforesaid.

Receipts of Trustees good discharge.

Further protection to mortgagees, lessees, and purchasers.

13.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that the Trustees shall not nor shall any of them their or any of their heirs executors or administrators or any of them be chargeable or accountable for any involuntary loss suffered by them or any of them nor any one or more of them for any other or others of them nor for more money than shall come to their respective hands nor for injury done by others to the said trust premises or to any part or parts thereof.

Indemnity to Trustees.

Minister, Elder, or Trustee when elected to become a Trustee within the meaning of the 13 and 14 Vict. c. 28, unless he declines the Trusteeship.

Cessation of Trusteeship.

14.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that any person who shall be elected as Minister Elder Deacon or Manager of the Congregation or of the Presbyterian Church shall immediately thereupon be eligible to become a Trustee within the intent and meaning of the Act 13 & 14 Vict. cap. 28. and being so elected unless he declines the trusteeship he shall continue such Trustee during the time he shall be Minister Elder Deacon or Manager jointly with the other Trustees if any or solely as the case may be except as hereinafter in this clause provided. If any Minister Elder Deacon Manager or Trustee for the time being shall voluntarily withdraw from or shall be excluded from membership therein by any sentence as herein provided or cease to be a Minister or Communicant or Seatholder in the Congregation or of or in some other Congregation of the Synod such Trustee shall thereupon cease to be a Trustee of these presents in the same manner as if he were actually dead.

Direction for the appointment of fresh Trustees.

Peremptory direction for appointment of fresh Trustees whenever reduced below four.

15.—AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER DECLARED that whenever the number of Trustees acting under or in pursuance of these presents and whether the legal estate in the said premises shall be vested in them or not shall be diminished or if at any time it shall be deemed advisable to increase the number of Trustees it shall be lawful and if the number be reduced below four it shall be imperative for the Congregation to appoint so many fit and proper persons under the Act 13 & 14 Vict. cap. 28. as they may deem expedient to be Trustees of the said piece or parcel of land Church hereditaments and premises. AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that in order to save the expense of frequent conveyances every Trustee so appointed shall be fully competent to act immediately upon his election or appointment although the legal estate in the said trust premises may not by the said act or otherwise be effectually vested in him nor shall it be incumbent on any lessee mortgagee or purchaser to call for or insist on such conveyance being obtained but whenever the number of Trustees in whom the legal estate is vested for the time being shall be reduced below four the said trust estate and premises shall without delay be duly conveyed to and vested in the continuing and new Trustees or to or in the new Trustees solely as the case may be upon the trusts herein contained or referred to or such of them as may be subsisting and capable of taking effect.

General power of revocation but not to affect fundamental part of the 3rd Clause.

16.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary it shall be lawful for the Congregation by a majority of votes at a meeting duly convened and the sanction of the Session Presbytery and Synod such last-mentioned sanction to be signified under the hands of the Moderator and Clerk for the time being of the Synod and to be written in or upon the deed or instrument in writing in or by which any of the trusts herein contained may be revoked or altered or in or by which any new or amended trusts may be declared to alter revoke or annul or to add to or diminish amend explain or modify all or any of the trusts powers provisoes agreements and declarations herein contained and to declare

such new and additional or other trusts powers provisoes agreements and declarations as the Synod may permit without reference or regard to the original trusts powers provisoes declarations and agreements herein expressed or contained or referred to or the usage or practice of the Congregation or their government discipline mode of worship or any other matter or thing whatsoever and without being controlled or restrained by any such trusts usage or practice so nevertheless that such alterations revocations and additional or diminished amended explained or modified trusts powers provisoes or declarations shall not interfere with restrain or affect that portion and that portion only of the trusts hereinbefore in the third clause contained which directs that the doctrines to be preached and taught in the said Church or in any School or Schools in connection therewith and the worship to be observed and conducted in the said Church and the government and discipline of the Congregation from time to time belonging to the said Church and the ministration and duties of the Minister or Ministers Elders Deacons Managers and Members thereof shall be such as are consistent with the Presbyterian form of Church Government and agreeable to the aforesaid Westminster Standards so explained or interpreted as hereinbefore mentioned and such altered revoked and new or additional or others trust powers provisoes and declarations in like manner as these presents shall from time to time and at all times be and remain subject to this present clause and to the power therein contained.

In the event of a General Assembly being formed all the powers vested by the Deed in the Synod shall be held vested in the said General Assembly.

17.—AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that in case the Synod shall determine to institute or form part of a General Assembly solely or in conjunction with any other Church or Churches adhering to the Standards hereinbefore mentioned then every sentence and decision of the Synod shall be subject to the revision and control of such General Assembly and the powers and authorities hereinbefore in the 3rd Clause contained shall thenceforth be vested in and exercised by such General Assembly and not by the Synod and it shall also be lawful for such General Assembly to exercise any other or others of the powers herein mentioned as belonging to the Synod and for that purpose such General Assembly shall have original powers and jurisdiction concurrent with the powers and jurisdiction of the Synod and the powers and stipulations hereinbefore contained which have reference to the Synod and the Moderator and Clerk thereof shall henceforth apply to and be exercised by such General Assembly and the Moderator and Clerk or other similar officers thereof and the powers and stipulations herein contained which have reference to the Presbyteries composing or forming part of the Synod and to the Churches which have reference to the Synod and the Moderator and Clerk thereof and Congregations within the bounds or forming part of such Presbyteries and to members of such Churches or Congregations shall thenceforth apply to and be exercised by the Presbyteries composing or forming part of such General Assembly and the Churches and Congregations within the bounds and forming part of such last-mentioned Presbyteries and the members of such last-mentioned Churches and Congregations.

18.—AND IT IS HEREBY LASTLY DECLARED that if such General Assembly shall resolve or declare that the Synod has ceased to exist or that the same shall cease to exist at any future time to be appointed by such General Assembly and if such General Assembly shall form the Presbyteries of which it shall or may be composed into two or more Provincial Synods subordinate to such General Assembly then the powers and stipulations hereinbefore contained shall thenceforth apply to and be exercised by the Provincial Synod within the bounds of which the said trust premises shall be situate or of which the said Congregation shall form a part and the Moderator and Clerk or other similar officers of such Provincial Synod. PROVIDED ALWAYS that it shall be lawful to appeal from such Provincial Synod to the said General Assembly or Association whose decision shall be final.

IN WITNESS &c.

APPENDIX A.

To be added to the Recitals in the Model Form.

[When the Property is Leasehold.]

WHEREAS the said

are entitled to

with the appurtenances for the residue of the term of

years commencing from the day of 18

subject to the rents and covenants contained in the Indenture of Lease of the day of AND WHEREAS the said

are desirous to stand possessed of the said hereditaments and premises upon and for the trusts intents and purposes and in the manner hereinafter expressed.

[When the Property is Copyhold.]

WHEREAS the said

are seized of or entitled to

being Copyhold of the Manor of in the county of with the appurtenances for an Estate of inheritance in possession to them and to their heirs according to the custom of the said Manor.

AND WHEREAS the said

are desirous to stand and be seized of the said hereditaments and premises upon and for the trusts intents and purposes and in the manner hereinafter expressed.

APPENDIX B.

In the event of the Trustees purchasing further property for Manse or Schools the following conveyance to be used if Freehold

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This Indenture made the day of 187 BETWEEN

of the one part and

of the other part WHEREAS the said

has agreed with the said

and

for the absolute sale to them of the hereditaments hereinafter described

and the inheritance thereof in fee simple in possession free from incumbrances at the price of £ and the said

and

have requested

that the said hereditaments may be conveyed to them upon the trusts intents and purposes and in manner hereinafter declared NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that in pursuance of the said Agreement and in consideration of the sum of £

Upon the execution of these presents paid by the said

and to the said

(the receipt whereof thesaid

Doth hereby acknowledge and

from the same doth hereby release the said

and) The said

Doth by this deed which

is intended to be enrolled in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice grant unto the said

and their heirs ALL

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the hereditaments and premises hereby granted or expressed so to be unto and to the use of the said

and

their heirs and assigns for ever But upon such and the same Trusts and to and for such and the same intents and

purposes and with under and subject to such and the same powers provisions declarations and agreements as are expressed declared or referred to in a certain Deed poll dated the day of

18 and under the hands and seals of

and which Deed poll is enrolled in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice and is an instrument in writing for the settlement of a plot of ground Church and other buildings situate at

for Religious Worship and other purposes therein mentioned on behalf of a body of Christians Members of the Presbyterian Church of England.

APPENDIX C.

In the event of the Trustees purchasing further property for Manse or Schools by the following conveyance to be used if Leasehold.

This Indenture made the day of

187 BETWEEN

of the one part and

of the other part

WHEREAS by an Indenture of Lease dated the day of

and made between of the

one part and the said of the other part

ALL that

Were demised by the said unto the said the executors administrators and assigns from the day of then last for the term of years at the yearly rent of £ and subject to the covenants and conditions in the said Indenture of Lease contained and on the part of the Lessee his executors administrators and assigns to be observed and performed AND WHEREAS the said hath agreed with the said and for the sale to them of the hereditaments and premises comprised in the said Indenture of Lease for the residue now unexpired of the said term of years for the sum of £ and the said and have requested that the said hereditaments and premises may be assigned to them upon the trusts intents and purposes and in the manner hereinafter declared NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that in pursuance of the said Agreement and in consideration of the sum of £ paid by the said and to the said (the receipt whereof the said doth hereby acknowledge and from the same doth hereby release the said and) The said

Doth by this Deed which is intended to be enrolled in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice assign unto the said and their executors administrators and assigns The hereditaments and premises comprised in and demised by the hereinbefore recited Indenture or expressed so to be And all the estate right title interest claim and demand whatsoever of the said in to and upon the said premises and every part thereof TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the hereditaments and premises hereby assigned or expressed so to be unto the said and their executors administrators and assigns for all the residue now unexpired of the said term of years subject to the rent reserved by the said Indenture of Lease and the covenants and conditions in the same Indenture contained and which henceforth on the part of the Lessee his executors administrators or assigns ought to be observed and performed But upon such and the same trusts and to and for such and the same intents and purposes and with under and subject to such and the same provisions declarations and agreements as are expressed declared or referred to in a certain Deed poll dated the day of 18 and under the hands and seals of

and which Deed poll is enrolled in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice and is an instrument for the settlement of a plot of ground Church and other hereditaments situate at

for Religious Worship and other purposes therein mentioned on behalf of a body of Christians Members of the Presbyterian Church of England AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that every power provision trust clause matter and thing in the same Deed poll contained concerning the freehold hereditaments thereby granted shall be applicable and effectual to all intents and purposes as if they had been herein repeated and set forth at length with such variations if any as the difference in the nature of the title and tenure of the hereditaments and premises thereby and hereby assured requires.

APPENDIX D.

Agreement to be signed by the Minister relative to the Manse.

Memorandum of an Agreement made

and entered into the day of 18

BETWEEN of

The Trustees of the Model Deed.

and

The Minister Elder Deacon or Manager &c.

THE said and

hereby let and the said takes

the dwelling-house situate in the parish of

Describe the premises.

in the county of from the date hereof from month to

month at the rent of a peppercorn per month the said paying all rates taxes and outgoings of every description AND it is also hereby agreed that the said shall keep the said premises

while it is in his occupation (including the fixtures) in good and tenantable repair reasonable wear and tear thereof excepted and that the tenancy hereby created shall be determinable at a week's notice by

the said

or by the said AND IT IS FURTHER AGREED

that if the rent shall be unpaid on any day on which the same shall be due or within 7 days afterwards or if the said

shall not at all times observe and keep the several conditions and agreements hereinbefore mentioned or quit and deliver up possession

of the house according to notice then and in any and every such case and without any demand whatsoever it shall be lawful for the said

or their agent immediately to enter upon

and take possession of the house and premises and the said and all persons claiming under him for ever to expel and remove therefrom without any legal process whatever and as effectually as any Sheriff might do in case the said

had obtained judgment in ejectment for the recovery of possession thereof and a writ of possession or other process had issued on such suit directed to such Sheriff in due form of law and that in case of such entry and of any action being brought or other proceedings taken for the same by any person whomsoever the said or their agent may plead

leave and licence in bar thereof and that this agreement may be used as conclusive evidence of the leave and license of the said

and all persons claiming under him for ever to the said

and all persons acting therein by their order for the entry or trespass or other matters to be complained of in such action or other proceedings IN WITNESS &c.

APPENDIX E.

13 & 14 Vict., Cap. xxviii.

AN ACT to render more simple and effectual the titles by which Congregations or Societies for purpose of Religious Worship or Education in England and Ireland hold property for such purposes. [15th July, 1850.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to render more simple and effectual the titles by which Congregations or Societies associated together for the purpose of maintaining Religious Worship or promoting Education in England, Wales, or Ireland may hold the property required for such purposes: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same. That wherever freehold, leasehold, copyhold, or customary Property in England or Wales has been or hereafter shall be acquired by any Congregation or Society or body of Persons associated for religious purposes or for the promotion of Education,

Property conveyed for religious or educational purposes to vest in successors without conveyance.

as a Chapel, Meeting House, or other place of Religious Worship, or as a dwelling-house for the Minister of such Congregation, with offices, garden, and glebe, or land in the nature of glebe, for his use, or as a schoolhouse, with Schoolmaster's house, garden, and playground, or as a College, Academy, or Seminary, with or without grounds for air, exercise, or recreation, or as a hall or rooms for the meeting or transaction of the business of such Congregation or Society or body of persons, and wherever the conveyance, assignment, or other assurance of such property has been or may be taken to or in favour of a Trustee or Trustees to be from time to time appointed, or of any party or parties named in such conveyance, assignment, or other assurance, or subject to any trust for the Congregation or Society or body of persons, or of the individuals composing the same, such conveyance, assignment, or other assurance shall not only vest the freehold, leasehold, copyhold, or customary property thereby conveyed or otherwise assured in the party or parties named therein; but shall also effectually vest such freehold, leasehold, copyhold, or customary property in their successors in office for the time being, and the old continuing Trustees, if any, jointly, or if there be no old continuing Trustees, then in such successors for the time being wholly, chosen and appointed in the manner provided or referred to in or by such conveyance, assignment, or other assurance, or in any separate deed or instrument declaring the Trust thereof, or if no mode of appointment be therein set forth, prescribed, or referred to, or if the power of appointment be lapsed, then in such manner as shall be agreed upon by such Congregation or Society or body of persons, upon such and the like Trusts, and with, under, and subject to the same powers and provisions as are contained or referred to in such conveyance, assignment, or other assurance, or in any such separate deed or instrument, or upon which such property is held, and that without any transfer, assignment, conveyance, or other assurance whatsoever, anything in such conveyance, assignment, or other assurance, or in any such separate deed or instrument, contained to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that in case of any appointment of a new Trustee or Trustees, or of the conveyance of the legal estate in any such property being made as heretofore was by law required, the same shall be as valid and effectual to all intents and purposes as if this Act had not passed.

Providing for payment in lieu of fines on death or alienation of property of copyhold or customary tenure.

II.—AND BE IT ENACTED: That where such property shall be of copyhold or customary tenure, and liable to the payment of any fine with or without a heriot, on the death or alienation of the Tenant thereof, it shall be lawful for the Lord or Lady of the Manor of which such property shall be holden, on the next appointment of a new Trustee or Trustees thereof, and at the expiration of every period of forty years thereafter, so long as such property shall belong to or be held in trust for such Congregation or Society or body of persons, or other party or parties to whom such property may have been or shall be conveyed for their benefit, to receive and take a sum corresponding to the fine and heriot, if any, which would have been payable by laupon the death or alienation of the tenant or tenants thereof; and such payments shall be in full of all fines payable to

the Lord or Lady of the Manor of which such property is holden, while the same shall remain the property or be held in trust for such Congregation or Society or body of persons; and the Lord or Lady of such Manor shall have all such powers for the recovery of such sums as such Lord or Lady would have had in the event of the tenant or tenants of such property having died or having alienated the same.

Appointment of new trustees to be made appear by deed.

III.—AND BE IT ENACTED: That for the purpose of preserving evidence of every such choice and appointment of a new Trustee or new Trustees, and of the person and persons in whom such charitable estates and property shall so from time to time become legally vested, every such choice and appointment of a new Trustee or new Trustees shall be made to appear by some deed under the hand and seal of the Chairman for the time being of the meeting at which such choice and appointment shall be made, and shall be executed in the presence of such meeting, and attested by two or more credible witnesses, which deed may be in the form or to the like effect of the Schedule to this Act annexed, or as near thereto as circumstances will allow, and may be given and shall be received as evidence in all courts and proceedings in the same manner and on the like proof as deeds under seal, and shall be evidence of the truth of the several matters and things therein contained.

Act extended to Ireland.

IV.—AND BE IT ENACTED: That the provisions of this Act shall extend to that part of the United Kingdom called Ireland.

Act may be amended, &c.

V.—AND BE IT ENACTED: That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in the present Session of Parliament except so far as the contrary shall be made to appear.

SCHEDULE TO WHICH THIS ACT REFERS.

MEMORANDUM of the Church and Appointment of new Trustees of the [*describe the Chapel, School, or other buildings and property*] situate in the parish [*or Township*] of
in the County [*Riding, Division, City, or Place*] of
at a meeting duly convened and held for that purpose in the [*Vestry of the said Chapel*] on the [25*th day of April*, 1880.]

A.B. of

Chairman.

Names and description of all the Trustees on the constitution or last appointment of Trustees made the day of

A. B.
C. D.
E. F.
G. H.

Names and description of all the Trustees in whom the said (Chapel) and premises now becomes legally vested.

First. I. K.
L. M. } *Old continuing Trustees.*
N. O.

Second. P. Q.
R. S. } *New Trustees now chosen and appointed.*
T. U.

Dated this day of

W. H. (L. S.)
Chairman of the said Meeting.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the said W. H. as Chairman of the said Meeting, at and in the presence of the said Meeting, on the day and year aforesaid in the presence of

V. X.
Y. Z.

The blanks and parts in italic to be filled up as the case may be.

PRACTICE

OF

The Presbyterian Church of England.

THE SYNOD.

1. The Synod consists of the Ministers of all sanctioned Charges on the roll of the Presbyteries, of the Professors of Theology in the College of the Church, of the ordained Missionaries of the Church, and of one Representative Ruling Elder from each Session.

2. A Minister who from any cause in the course of Providence is led to resign his Charge continues still a Minister of the Church, and ought to be recognised as such by the Presbytery within whose bounds he resides; but he is not a Member of either Presbytery or Synod, unless elected by some Session as Representative Elder.

3. Every Representative Ruling Elder should produce a commission appointing him to represent a Session in the Synod, and a certificate that he is *bona fide* an acting Elder.

4. The Synod meets annually, and usually in the month of April or May, at such time and place as may be convenient, and as may have been appointed at the previous Meeting.

5. The Synod is an open Court, but may determine, as it finds expedient, to meet with closed doors.

6. The Officers of Synod are a Moderator, chosen from the ordained Ministers of the Church, who presides at its Meetings, preserves order, takes votes, announces decisions, administers censures, and opens and closes each sederunt with prayer; a Clerk, who keeps the roll of its Members, records its proceedings, preserves its papers, and writes out and attests extracts of its Minutes when ordered by the Court; and a Treasurer, who has charge of its funds.

7. The Synod—until a General Assembly be constituted—is the Supreme Court of the Church, and as such exercises rule on spiritual matters over all the Congregations, Sessions, and Presbyteries of the Church, and its decisions are final and binding on the whole Church.

8. Nine Members, provided that the number comprises both Ministers and Elders, and provided there be representatives of at least two Presbyteries, constitute a quorum, and without the presence of such number no business shall be transacted.

9. The constitution of the Church being entirely spiritual, any appeal from the decision of any of its Courts to the Judicial Tribunals must be regarded as an offence against the Laws of the Church, subjecting the party to discipline and censure.

Functions and Power of Synod.

10. It pertains to the Synod to take the oversight of Presbyteries, to erect new Presbyteries as circumstances may require; to examine their records, to attest the same, or remit them for correction as may be judged necessary; to judge of complaints or appeals against their sentences; to advise, exhort, censure Presbyteries or other parties when necessary; to dispose of overtures; to consider matters of common concern to all the Church, whether respecting her doctrine, worship, discipline, or government; to

issue pastoral addresses; to emit testimonies in favour of truth or against error; to maintain correspondence with other Churches, either in the United Kingdom or abroad; to make regulations regarding the College; to superintend its operations, and to appoint Professors and Lecturers for the same; to make rules for conducting its own proceedings or those of inferior Courts; to superintend the Missionary operations of the Church and its various agencies for the religious education of the young at home and abroad, and generally to attend to all matters relating to the interest of the Church as a whole or any part thereof.

Procedure of Synod.

11. The Synod commences its proceedings by public worship and the preaching of a sermon by the Moderator of the previous Meeting, after which the Court is duly constituted.

12. The first act of the Synod on its meeting is to adjust its Roll, and for that purpose it requires from the Clerk a correct list of the names of the Ministers and Elders.

13. After forming its own Roll the Synod direct Presbyteries to hold a Meeting to constitute their Rolls in accordance with the same.

14. The Roll being adjusted, the Synod resolves itself into a Committee of the whole House for the nomination of a Moderator, and having agreed on an individual, or approving of the selection made at the previous Synod, the Synod resumes in open Court, and the individual so selected is formally appointed.

15. The Moderator so elected is thereafter introduced to the House by the Retiring Moderator, who gives him the right hand of fellowship, and vacates the Chair. The Chair is then taken by the new Moderator, and he proceeds to deliver an introductory address.

16. The Synod appoints its own Clerk and Treasurer from time to time as may be necessary.

17. After the delivery of the Moderator's Address, the Standing Orders are read, or held as read, and a vote of thanks is proposed to the late Moderator for his conduct in the Chair at the last meeting of the Synod and for the sermon delivered.

18. A report is then submitted by the Clerk of the Ministerial changes that have taken place during the year, and Committees are appointed for such purposes as the following:—

1. On Elders' Commissions and Synod Records.
2. On Presbytery Records.
3. On Records of Standing Committees.
4. On Bills, Overtures, and Orders of Business.

19. Every one of such Committees has a Convener and a Clerk who are nominated by itself, if not appointed by the Synod. No Committees can meet during the hours of the Synod's sitting without leave from the Court. Of all Committees regular Minutes are kept by their respective Clerks, which Minutes may constitute their report to the Synod.

20. Every document proposed to be submitted to the Synod must, in the first instance, be laid before the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

21. The duties of the Committee on Bills and Overtures are—

1. To see that all the papers laid before them have been duly transmitted and are regular and proper to be brought before the Synod. Should the Committee refuse to transmit any Document to the Synod, it must give the party notice of its objections to transmission, with liberty to amend the same or otherwise to obviate the objection if practicable. The Committee's resolutions for or against transmission may be brought under review of the Synod by protest or complaint.
2. To recommend the order of business for each sederunt of Synod, taking care in arranging the same that the reports of the Standing Committees of the Church shall have such a place given them as may ensure full consideration.

22. Every sederunt of Synod is opened and closed with prayer. Successive assemblings of Synod on the same day shall be held to constitute one sederunt.

23. The Minutes must bear at the outset that the Synod was constituted, which expression implies that it was constituted with prayer, and at the end that the Meeting was closed with prayer. No Minutes can be sustained without mention of these two particulars, and no extract given from them without mentioning the first.

24. The Minutes of the sederunts of Synod are read and approved at the morning sitting, with the exception of the Minutes of the last day of the Synod's session.

BUSINESS OF THE SYNOD.

25. The Synod receives and judges of applications from Presbyteries relative to preaching stations, in cases where Synodical authority is required. A Synodical application is required when grants from any of the public funds of the Church are involved, with a view to their being raised to the status of organised Congregations.

26. The Synod receives, considers, and takes action upon Overtures from Presbyteries or Members of the House, or from any Committees appointed by itself to prepare and present the same.

27. An Overture is a proposal to enact rules or to pass resolutions on any matter of general importance.

28. An Overture not originating in the Synod itself must be presented to the Committee on Bills, and by it transmitted to the Synod before it can be considered.

29. Every Overture proposing an innovation in the Constitution of the Church in matters of doctrine, discipline, government, or worship brought before the Synod, must, before such proposal be passed into a standing law, first be sent down to all the Presbyteries by the Synod for their consideration and report; and the Synod may instruct the Presbyteries as to the time and manner in which such Overture shall be considered.

30. On returns being made by the Presbyteries, the Synod will proceed to judgment in the case.

31. On the presentation of an Overture by the Committee on Bills it is read by the Clerk, and the Synod calls upon the Member or Members concerned in introducing it in a Presbytery or otherwise to support the same.

32. When an Overture comes from a Presbytery, no more than two Members are heard in support of it, and only one in reply. If there are several Overtures on substantially the same subject from different Presbyteries, only one Member from each Presbytery is heard in support of them, and only one speech in reply, the speaker being fixed on by the supporters of the Overture.

33. Such appearance for or support of an Overture does not constitute the Member a party, and he is equally entitled with all other Members of Synod to vote upon the question raised.

34. As a Court of Review the Synod takes up and considers References, Appeals, and Petitions on the same principles which regulates the procedure of Presbyteries.

35. No question which belongs to the jurisdiction of an inferior Court can be determined by the Synod unless it has been duly brought up by Reference, Complaint, Appeal, or Petition.

36. All matters pertaining to Libels, the competency and effect of evidence in such cases, and the procedure of Presbyteries in judging of matters before Sessions, may come up before the Synod by Appeal, Complaint, or Reference.

37. In dealing with questions of evidence the Synod must form its judgment from the recorded evidence transmitted to it by the Clerk of the Inferior Court and from the pleading of parties at its bar.

38. If any irregularity or neglect is detected in the proceedings, it is the function of the Synod to correct the same.

39. Though the Decisions of Synod as the Supreme Court of the Church are final, and cannot be protested against, or appealed from, or reviewed by any other Court, Dissents with or without reasons annexed may be entered in the Minutes of the Court.

40. A Dissent cannot be received unless tendered immediately after the decision has been pronounced and before the Minutes of the Meeting at which the judgment has been pronounced have been sustained. If reasons are given with the Dissent they may be entered upon the Minutes, or in a separate record, or held *in retentis* according to the judgment of the Synod.

41. When a Dissent has been tendered by a Member immediately after the judgment has been pronounced, any other Member who was present at the time may intimate his adherence to the same at any subsequent diet of Synod.

42. Any Member of Court has a right to call to order, and immediately on his doing so the speaker who is addressing the Synod at the time should stop until the question of order is determined. The Member calling to order is then allowed briefly to state the ground on which the call has been made; but no other Member is entitled to speak unless with the permission or at the request of the Moderator, with whom the decision of the point entirely rests. Any Member calling to order unnecessarily is liable to the censure of the Court.

43. No Member of Synod is permitted to speak more than once on any subject unless by special permission of the Court.

44. The Synod may appoint Committees to carry out the operations of the Church, the Committees being some of a permanent and others of a temporary character.

45. The Synod has also power to appoint collections to be made in all its Congregations for any of the objects for which the Committees are appointed, or for any other object which it may judge important.

46. At one of its sederunts the Synod resolves itself into a Committee of the whole House for the nomination of a Moderator for the following meeting.

47. The execution of the Acts of Synod is generally intrusted either to the Commission or Committees, or to Presbyteries or Sessions.

48. The business of the Synod being terminated, the Moderator delivers an address, and declares the Synod closed, and the time and place of the next meeting. The proceedings are then terminated with praise and prayer.

Proposed Intermediate Court.

49. Until the formation of a General Assembly and Provincial Synod, there shall be a Court to act intermediately between the Presbytery and the Synod, consisting of at least fifty members, twenty-five being Ministers and twenty-five Ruling Elders, twenty of whom, if comprising both Ministers and Elders, shall form a quorum.

50. The Members of the Intermediate Court shall be elected by the Presbyteries of the Church in a definite proportion to be settled by the Synod.

51. The Moderator of Synod for the time being is also Moderator or Chairman of the Intermediate Court, and the Clerk of Synod is also Clerk thereof.

52. The Intermediate Court shall meet statedly at such time and place as the Synod may appoint, and at other times as circumstances may require, either by adjournment, or by special summons of the Moderator of Synod, on the requisition of twenty-five Ministers and Elders belonging to at least three Presbyteries, the time and place being fixed at the adjournment or otherwise by the Moderator's summons.

53. The duties and functions of the Intermediate Court are—first, to consider and judge in any cause or matter committed to the same by the Synod; second, to act as an Intermediate Court between the Presbytery and the Synod in case of discipline originating in the Presbytery and brought before the same by reference or appeal; and thirdly, to take action in any matter requiring on emergency the immediate attention of the Church.

54. On the presentation of a libel by reference from any Presbytery the Intermediate Court shall proceed in the matter according to the laws and usages of the Church, as laid down in the rules of procedure in relation to Sessions and Presbyteries. The decisions in such cases are subject to appeal or complaint to the Synod.

55. In cases of difficulty it is competent to the Court to refer the case wholly or in part to the judgment of the Synod.

56. The decisions of the Intermediate Court in cases where there is no appeal or complaint against the same, and also in cases where the Synod commits a matter to its consideration, have all the authority of the Synod itself.

THE DEACONS' COURT.

Sect. I.—Constitution of the Deacons' Court.

57. The Deacons' Court of a Congregation consists of its Minister or Ministers, Elders acting in a diaconal capacity, and Deacons.

58. The election of Deacons belongs to the Members of the Congregation in full communion; and the proceedings for their election, ordination, or induction are the same as those for Elders, the special formula for Deacons being used.

59. No one can be elected Deacon unless he be a Member of the Congregation in full communion and twenty-one years of age.

60. Deacons hold their office until they cease to be members of the Congregation, or their resignation be accepted by the Session, or they be held to have resigned through absence not satisfactorily explained from meetings of the Court, for not less than twelve months, or until they be deposed.

61. The Court appoints one or more Treasurers and a Clerk. The Clerk keeps a record of the Minutes of Proceedings, and takes charge of the books, papers, and documents belonging to the Court. The Treasurers receive and pay and account for all the money under the care of the Court. The accounts duly audited are to be submitted yearly or at stated intervals to the Court.

Sect. II.—Meetings.

62. Meetings of the Court, authorised by the Court itself, are convened by intimation from the pulpit or by personal notice to the Members. Special meetings may be summoned by the Minister, or, in case of a vacancy, by the temporary Moderator of Session, either on his own authority, or on the requisition of any three Members of the Court. In case of necessity, or during a vacancy, the Clerk may summon a meeting on his own responsibility.

63. No meeting of the Court can be held at an hour when the Presbytery of the bounds or any of the higher Courts are sitting.

64. The Minister of the Congregation always presides over the Court when he is present. In his absence any other Member of the Court may be chosen to fill the Chair.

65. If there be more than one Minister, the senior Minister, when present, presides. The junior Minister, when not acting as Moderator, sits in the Deacons' Court as a constituent Member.

66. The quorum of the Court is the same as that of the Session, viz., three Members.

67. The Moderator has no deliberative vote, but in case of equality has a casting vote.

68. Every meeting of the Court is constituted and closed with prayer, and the Minutes must state that the Court was so constituted and closed. No Minutes are valid without mention of these particulars, and no extract valid which is not certified by the Clerk as having been been extracted by him from the records of the Court.

69. At every Meeting the Minutes of last Sederunt should be read and confirmed, if they have not been confirmed at its close, before proceeding with any other business; but such confirmation refers only to the correctness of the Minutes as a true record, and not to the merits of the *res gestæ*. In all other respects also the rules for conducting Session Meetings apply also to the proceedings of Deacons' Courts.

70. The Meetings of the Court are not open to the public or to the Congregation, but the Deacons' Court may hold open meetings if they see cause.

Sect. III.—Duties of Deacons' Court.

71. The duties of the Court consist in the administration of the temporal affairs of the Congregation, including the management and charge of the property belonging to the Congregation or held by trustees for its use; in gathering the contributions of the Congregations, and disposing of them for the purposes for which they have been contributed; in attending to the temporal wants of the poor connected with the Congregation; in seeing that the property of the Congregation, especially the place of worship and other ecclesiastical buildings, are kept in good condition and repair, and in taking steps for raising the funds needful for the purpose, except in so far as these may be affected in any particular case by the provisions of the trust-deed.

72. It belongs to the Court to appoint and dismiss the church officer, doorkeepers, and others employed in ministering to the comfort of the Congregation. It

is also the function of the Court to fix the amount of all stipends and salaries subject to approval by the Congregation, except in cases where officers are appointed by Trustees having any charge of the property.

73. It is the duty of the Court to make arrangements for implementing, as far as possible, the appointments of Synod in regard to collections for the schemes of the Church. It has also the power of appointing special collections or subscriptions to be made for such objects as may seem deserving of the support of the Congregation, intimation thereof being publicly made.

74. It is the duty of the Court to lay a statement of the finances at a meeting duly called for the purpose.

75. The Court can neither admit anyone to the office of Deaconship nor depose anyone from it. Nor can the resignation of a Deacon be completely received by the Court, nor dealt with by it in any way.

76. The Court has no power of discipline over its own Members, such pertaining to the Session; but is entitled to certified extracts from the Minutes of Session in so far as the removal, suspension, or deposition of any office-bearer affects its membership, and any change of which the Court thus obtains evidence ought to be recorded.

77. The Court is not entitled to give the use of the place of worship or of any other ecclesiastical buildings belonging to the Congregation for any purpose whatever without the consent of the Minister, nor to withhold the use of those buildings for meetings of a strictly religious, ecclesiastical, or charitable nature which have the sanction of a Minister. But none of those buildings are to be made use of for any meeting which is not strictly of a religious, ecclesiastical, or charitable nature without the express consent of both the Minister and the Court.

78. The Court has no jurisdiction over the spiritual order of the House of God, or over the conduct of public worship in any of its parts.

Sect. IV.—Dissent.

79. A member of Court may enter his Dissent from any part of the procedure of which he disapproves, and the Dissent must be entered on the Minutes.

80. The Court is bound to furnish extracts of Minutes to parties concerned in its procedure.

81. There is no appeal from the Deacons' Court to the Superior Church Courts; but any dissentient Member, or any Member of the Congregation, may petition the Presbytery, through the Session, or, in due course, any of the higher Church Courts, against the procedure of the Deacons' Court, and it is competent for the Presbytery or other higher Court to determine whether the Deacons' Court has exceeded its power. Should this be established, and in the event of the Deacons' Court persisting in an irregular course which has been complained of, and condemned, it is in the power of the Presbytery or other higher Court to dissolve the Court.

82. The proceedings in cases of dissent and complaints are the same in the Deacons' Court as in the Session.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

1. In Congregations where Deacons' Courts are not constituted, the management of the secular affairs of the Congregation, including the care of the property—the ordering of repairs or alterations thereon—the letting of the seats, and collection of the rents, or of other contributions for the support of ordinances—the payment of the minister's stipend, and allowances to precentor, doorkeepers, etc., and other expenditure, are committed to the charge of Managers, who are bound to regulate the administration of the matters committed to their charge by these rules; and also to observe any special directions which may from time to time be given to them by the Congregation.

2. The Managers must be elected by the members of the Congregation, and no one can be so elected unless he is a member of the same.

3. Members of Session or Deacons' Court are eligible as Managers, but are not as such entitled to sit on the Board of Management.

4. The number of Managers for each Congregation should not be less than five.

5. A fixed proportion of the Managers annually retire from the management by rotation, and their places, with the places of any who may die or vacate their office during the year, are filled up at the annual meeting. The retiring Managers are re-eligible.

6. Out of the Managers, the Congregation annually elect a chairman, treasurer, and clerk. They also annually elect two persons, members of the Congregation, as auditors of accounts, who, previous to next annual meeting, are to examine the treasurer's books and vouchers for the current year, and report thereon to said meeting.

7. Should any Manager be suspended, or cut off from privileges by the Session, or leave the Congregation, he ceases to be entitled to act as a Manager.

8. The Managers hold regular meetings at least once every month, and oftener, when necessary. These meetings are called by authority from the chairman, either by intimation from the pulpit on the Sabbath preceding, or by personal notice to the individual Managers; and the chairman is bound to convene a meeting, whenever required to do so, by one-third of the managers.

9. At these meetings the chairman presides, or in his absence any other of the Managers whom the meeting may choose. Three constitute a quorum. The chairman has a deliberative vote, and, in case of an equality of votes on any matter, he has also a casting vote.

10. The Treasurer keeps a regular book of debit and credit; and must produce the same, with the vouchers, at the annual meeting, audited and docqueted by the auditors appointed by the Congregation, or, failing them, by a committee of the managers.

11. The Clerk keeps a regular minute-book, accessible to the Managers at all times, wherein all the minutes of the meetings of the Managers, and of the Congregation, must be faithfully entered; and these shall be signed by himself, and by the chairman for the time.

12. At each annual meeting of the Congregation, the Managers report their proceedings and management during the year, and also lay before the Congregation an abstract of the receipts and expenditure during the year, and afford all information which may be required thereon.

13. The Managers, on obtaining the concurrence of the Session, have power to call meetings of the Congregation for special purposes when they deem it necessary, which meetings shall be duly intimated as above provided for, the purpose of the Meeting being at same time notified.

14. The Managers have no power to contract debt on the security of the property, or for which it may be attached, without the special authority of the Congregation, given either at the annual meeting, or at a special meeting called for the purpose. They cannot make any repair or alteration in the buildings, nor alter the seat-rents, or the stipend of the Minister, without such authority.

15. The constitutional right of the Session to watch over all the interests of the Congregation, and to interfere whenever, in their opinion, its welfare calls on them to do so, by convening meetings of the Congregation for any purpose connected withits affairs, or in any other competent manner, is expressly reserved to them.

16. When a proposal for any alteration of these rules is made, it is not competent for the Managers to adopt the same at the meeting at which such alteration is first proposed; but, if entertained, the same must lie over to be decided upon at the next annual meeting, or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose, not earlier than three weeks after being so entertained; and, before taking effect, it must be submitted to, and receive the sanction of, the Presbytery.

STANDING ORDERS.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

That Standing Orders Nos. 1, 6, and 8, are provided for by the Rules of Procedure.

1. That for No. 2 there be substituted the following:—

2. For the convenience of Sessions the Clerk shall, at least one month before the meeting of Synod, issue to each Session a copy of the Form of Commission, and of the Certificate appointed to be used for certifying Elders.

That for Nos. 3 and 4 the following be substituted:—

3. That all papers transmitted by inferior Courts shall be accompanied by extract Minutes in each case from the records of the Court transmitting the same.

That No. 7 be altered as follows:—

4. That the Reports of the Committees of the Church be printed and circulated along with the copies of the Minutes of Synod; and that the same be bound up in volumes, and preserved among the Documents of the Synod.

That the followings be added:—

5. That the Synod at an early Sederunt appoint a Committee, to be called the Selection Committee, which shall be charged with the nomination of suitable persons to act on the Standing Committees of the Church, and that it consist of the Conveners of existing Standing Committees, along with a member selected by the Synod from each Presbytery.

6. That one-fifth of the members of each Standing Committee retire annually by rotation, to be eligible, however, for re-election.

That Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, be altered as follows:—

9. That the following be the order in regard to Motions, Votes, and Decisions:—1. Every motion or amendment shall be given in to the Clerk, in writing, as soon as it shall have been read to the House.—2. When a motion is duly seconded, and in possession of the Synod, it shall not be competent to make any alteration upon it without the permission of the House, except as an amendment thereon or as alternative motion, as the case may be, regularly proposed to the Synod.—3. The person who makes the first motion shall be entitled to the privilege of giving a reply, thereafter, the debate shall be held definitely closed, and no other person shall be entitled to speak, excepting with regard to the manner of putting the vote.—4. When there are more than two motions a vote is taken successively upon each, and unless it shall appear that one of the motions has a clear majority of all the votes, that which had the least number shall be dropped, and a fresh vote taken upon those that remain, until that which has a majority of the whole House

shall be ascertained. The voting shall be either by an open show of hands, or by ballot, or by calling the roll of the House. In the first case the Moderator counts the votes, but if needful may appoint tellers to assist him. In the case of ballot, voting papers shall be prepared and supplied to Members of the Court, and on their being collected they shall be referred to two or more Scrutineers appointed by the Court, who shall ascertain the result and report the same. In the case of calling the roll, the names of the Members arranged in Presbyteries are called seriatim by the Clerk, and each Member's vote on being tendered is marked by the Clerk. The votes are then summed up and the result announced by the Moderator.

10. That in bringing up a Report from a Committee, the Convener thereof shall move the Synod to receive the Report, and the adoption of such recommendations as the Report contains should be proposed to the House.

11. That any proposal for a pause in the Synod's proceedings, with a view to engage in Special Devotional Exercises, shall be made to the Synod only by the Moderator.—That all letters addressed to the Moderator for the purpose of being communicated to the House, shall, in the first instance, be laid before the Business Committee, who shall advise the Moderator as to the way of disposing of them.

12. That Commissions or Letters from other Churches, or from Societies accrediting Deputies to the Synod, and all applications of persons to be heard by the Synod, shall be reported by the Business Committee, in order that the Synod may make proper arrangements for the reception of such Deputies and others if deemed proper.

13. That Presbytery Records be called for on the first Morning Sitting after the opening of the Court, and that a Committee or Committees be appointed for examining or reporting on the same.

14. The Records of the Synod and of the Synod's Standing Committees for the year shall be called for at the first Morning Sitting after the opening of the Court, and Committees shall be appointed for examining the same. The Moderator or Clerk shall attest the same in accordance with their Report.

15. That the Communion of the Lord's Supper be observed at the first Morning Sitting, before any business is transacted. That thereafter the Reports of the Home, Jewish, and Foreign Missions Reports, shall be called for and considered; the Conveners of these Committees having authority to make public intimation of their concerted arrangements with reference to the reception of these Reports.

16. That the Minutes of any of the Sittings be read and approved of at the beginning of the last Sitting, with the exception of the Minutes of the last day of the Synod's Sittings, which shall be read and approved of before the Synod is dissolved.

That 17 and 18 be omitted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN GIVING,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

According to the Synod's instructions, the Committee considered what additional means may be used for keeping this subject before the Church.

They again earnestly recommend the Synod to hold a conference of, say, an hour's duration, and suggest that deputations should be appointed by the Synod to visit Presbyteries and Congregations on this subject.

W. P. MACKAY,

Convener.

REPORT OF TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

Your Committee were appointed under a Minute of last Synod enacting "that the Treasurership of the Church be vested in a Financial Committee of twelve members, all resident in London or its vicinity, who shall appoint a Financial Secretary (security being giving), who shall render assistance also to the General Secretary."

At a subsequent diet of Synod the General Purposes Committee were authorised to make the necessary arrangements connected with the General Secretary's Office. But as that Committee could not meet till July, your Committee were under the necessity, as their first step, to take upon themselves the responsibility of selecting Offices, subject, of course, to the confirmation of their action by the General Purposes Committee. This was accordingly done, and since June 1st of last year the secretarial and financial work of the Church has been conducted at 7, East India Avenue, in Offices which your Committee took there for one year at a rental of £90; and they are happy to say that their action in this respect has met with the cordial approbation of the Committee whose functions they were obliged by the emergency to assume.

To the office of Financial Secretary your Committee, after full inquiry, appointed Mr. John Leggat, for whom, in terms of the Synod's Minute, the necessary security has been provided.

Your Committee have now under their care nearly the whole of the Funds of the Church, the only exceptions being the Trust Funds of some of the Committees, the Union Thanksgiving Fund, and the finance of the Publications Committee, the last of which was left in the hands of that Committee at their own request, in view of certain technical difficulties which seemed to stand in the way of its being managed from the General Office. The Synod Treasurer retained charge of the Synod Fund till the close of the financial year, but it has now been transferred to the care of your Committee. Of the accounts for which they are responsible, the Sustentation Fund and the general accounts, with one exception, have been audited by Mr. A. Macnicoll, Mr. T. D. Thomson, and Mr. Robert Stark, to whom the thanks of the Committee and of the Church are due for the valuable service thus rendered. The rules of the Ministers' Widows and Orphans Fund, however, requiring that it be audited by a professional accountant, your Committee have arranged accordingly. They would venture to suggest to the Synod whether it might not be desirable to have the same rule applied to the whole of the Church's accounts.

Your Committee have not seen their way to adopt an absolute unification of the financial year for all the Schemes of the Church. It seemed to them best to make no alteration in the Sustentation Fund financial year, which has always terminated on the 31st December. They would have been glad to have closed the whole of the accounts of

the Church on the same date, so as to have one uniform year; but this arrangement being encompassed with difficulties that seemed meanwhile insuperable, they resolved to close the general accounts of the Church on the 15th March.

In presenting the accounts for the year your Committee have thought it best to combine all the financial details in one connected statement, which they now lay on the Table of the Synod, and from which the whole financial transactions of the Church can be seen at one glance. They are glad to notice that every Fund has closed with a balance in hand, with the exception of the Synod Fund (to a trifling extent) and the Home Mission, the latter of which closed with a debit balance of £102 15s. 9d. This deficiency has, however, been already made up by the collection due in March, the proceeds of which come into the current financial year. The Sustentation Fund was also in debt for a short time, but the deficiency was made up before the end of the year by drawing upon the Special Reserve Fund of that Committee.

Having considered the course to be adopted in regard to Committees thus overdrawing their accounts, your Committee resolved in all such cases to charge interest on the maximum debit balance for each month, at the rate of 5 *per cent. per annum;* such interest to be credited to the Office Charges Account, with the view of lightening the same.

The question of the apportionment of Office charges among the various Committees whose business is transacted from the Offices of the Church came also before your Committee, when, after mature consideration of the degree in which the respective Committees demand the services of one or both of the officials of the Church, they agreed that the following would be in the meantime a fair distribution, viz :—

Sustentation Fund	50 per cent.
Foreign Missions	18 ,,
Home Mission	10 ,,
College Fund	6 ,,
Synod Fund	6 ,,
Church Building and Debt Extinction Fund	3 ,,
Jewish Mission	3 ,,
Ministers' Widows and Orphans Fund ..	2 ,,
Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund ..	1 ,,
Continental Work	½ ,,
Schools	½ ,,

In the payment of the expenses of Presbytery representatives, the attention of your Committee was drawn to the case of several brethren coming to London to serve on Synodical Committees not possessed of funds, and who applied for payment of their travelling expenses. Your Committee, having charge only of the funds of specific Committees, and contributed for the specific work of those Committees, felt that they had no power to divert these funds to other purposes, and were consequently unable to meet the demands made. They felt, however, that there was a manifest hardship in the appointment of brethren to do Synodical work without some provision for meeting the expense incurred by them in the discharge of their duty, and agreed to bring the matter

under the notice of the Synod, as they hereby do. It should either be clearly understood that members of Committees who reside at a distance from the place of the meeting of the Committees to which they severally belong, are only intended to act by correspondence, or, if their personal presence is necessary, provision should certainly be made for the payment of their necessary expenses.

The attention of your Committee having been drawn to the very large number of cases in which Congregations have made no contribution whatever to one or more Synodical schemes, they communicated with the various Presbyteries on the matter. Your Committee have not received a sufficient number of replies to enable them to give any sufficient or satisfactory explanation of the evil referred to. They propose, however, to keep the matter before them, and report at next Synod. In the meantime the following statement will show the state of matters for the year just closed, and in the judgment of your Committee it calls for the very serious consideration of the Church :—

CONGREGATIONS IN RELATION TO THE SIX PRINCIPAL SCHEMES FOR WHICH COLLECTIONS ARE APPOINTED.

Presbyteries.	Home Mission.		Foreign Missions.		Jewish Mission.		Continntl. Work.		College.		Schools.	
	Number Contributing.	Not Contributing.	Number Contributing.	Not Contributing.	Number Contributing.	Not Contributing.	Number Contributing.	Not Contributing.	Number Contributing.	Not Contributing.	Number Contributing.	Not Contributing.
Berwick	11	5	15	1	5	11	3	13	4	12	5	11
Birmingham	9	6	14	1	2	13	—	15	2	13	—	15
Bristol	6	2	7	1	6	2	2	6	4	4	—	8
Carlisle	6	7	8	5	3	10	2	11	3	10	1	12
Darlington	12	7	14	5	5	14	1	18	6	13	—	19
Liverpool	25	6	29	2	13	18	9	22	12	19	5	26
London	43	25	61	7	33	35	14	54	36	32	10	58
Manchester	18	13	24	7	8	23	3	28	11	20	4	27
Newcastle	24	20	29	15	14	30	4	40	20	24	5	39
Northumberland	12	13	22	3	9	16	3	22	12	13	3	22
	166	104	223	47	98	172	41	229	110	160	33	237
In 1878	61%	39%	83%	17%	36%	64%	15%	85%	41%	59%	12%	88%
In 1877	70%	30%	82%	18%	47%	53%	13%	87%	39%	61%	12%	88%

From the comparison of the per-centages for 1877 and 1878, it will be seen that there is an improvement in the proportion of collections* taken for Foreign Missions, Continental Work, and the College, while there is retrogression in regard to the Home and Jewish Missions. One collection more has also been taken for Schools, though the per-centage still remains about 12, three entire Presbyteries ignoring the collection altogether, as one entire Presbytery ignores that for Continental work. The per-centage spread over all the schemes only reaches 41, so that for every 2 collections appointed by the Synod that are taken about 3 are omitted. In the whole Church only 12 Congregations appear as having contributed to all the six schemes. They are the following :—

Presbytery of Berwick ..	Crookham	1	
,, Carlisle ..	Warwick Road, Carlisle ..	1	
,, Liverpool ..	Canning Street, Liverpool		
,, ,, ..	Fairfield, Liverpool		
,, ,, ..	Trinity, ,, ..	5	
,, ,, ..	Rockferry		
,, ,, ..	Southport		
,, London ..	Hampstead		
,, ,, ..	Islington		
,, ,, ..	Marylebone	5	
,, ,, ..	Notting Hill ..		
,, ,, ..	Regent Square ..		
	In all	12	

On the other hand twice that number have no place in the Church accounts for the year as contributors to any of the six schemes, not even appearing to send up a Sabbath-school contribution to the Foreign Missions of our Church. These are scattered over 7 out of the 10 Presbyteries of the Church, thus :—

Presbytery of Carlisle	4
,, Darlington	1
,, Liverpool	2
,, London	4
,, Manchester	4
,, Newcastle	8
,, Northumberland ..	1
In all ..	24

The per-centage of collections taken is highest in the three Presbyteries of Bristol, Liverpool, and London, where it reaches 52 per cent., 50 per cent., and 48 per cent. respectively. On the other hand, in two other Presbyteries it falls so low as 30 per cent. and 29 per cent. respectively.

* This word is used throughout in the sense of any Congregational contribution, no matter from what source provided.

Your Committee having now taken over the Synod Fund from the Synod Treasurer, it devolves upon them to suggest the amount that will be necessary to meet the travelling and other expenses connected with next Synod. It will be noticed that the Synod Fund for last year closed with a debit balance of £4 14s. To this must be added the proportion of Office charges for the first quarter of the present year not yet debited, making the total real balance against the Fund £15 1s. 3d. Notwithstanding this adverse balance, your Committee hope that the assessment just called in will prove more than sufficient for the requirements of the present Synod and the other payments of the year, and that it will be safe to reduce the assessment for next year by the extra 10 per cent. in last year's assessment. They recommend, therefore, that the assessment for 1880 be as follows, viz. :—

		£	s.	d.
Presbytery of	Berwick	52	0	0
,,	Birmingham	42	0	0
,,	Bristol	32	0	0
,,	Carlisle	32	0	0
,,	Darlington	64	0	0
,,	Liverpool	204	0	0
,,	London	383	0	0
,,	Manchester	141	0	0
,,	Newcastle	191	0	0
,,	Northumberland	59	0	0
	In all	£1200	0	0

Your Committee deem it necessary, however, to remind the Synod that it will be needful to guard this Fund against all charges except those of a strictly Synodical character, and that even these must be kept carefully within bounds. A fund of this sort is in danger of becoming heavily drawn upon from all sides, while, as being raised by a system of assessment, it is apt, when its demands are enlarged, to be felt as peculiarly oppressive. It is, however, the Synod alone that can protect it from undue claims which may be made upon it.

In closing their report your Committee cannot but express their thankfulness that their first year's operations have, on the whole, been carried on so comfortably, and that the unification of the Funds of the Church has been attended with so little inconvenience. The work of the year has necessarily been largely of an initiatory character, involving the laying down of the new lines to be followed in the future. In subsequent years your Committee hope in various ways to improve their methods, and they trust that they will continue to receive the cordial co-operation of the Church in carrying out any such improvements, and in their work generally.

Respectfully submitted, in name of the Committee, by

A. J. MALCOLM,
Convener.

[*For Office Charges, see under* "ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH," *at p.* 259.]

REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

Your Committee were authorised by last Synod to make the necessary arrangements connected with the General Secretary's Office. As, however, it was necessary that he should commence his duties at once, and this Committee could not be fully constituted till the election of the Presbytery representatives for the aggregate Meetings in July, the Treasurership Committee felt it necessary to take the responsibility of making the needful arrangements, subject, of course, to the approval of this Committee. This was in due time given. As these arrangements will be embodied in the Report of the Treasurership Committee, it is only necessary to state here that offices have been taken for the financial and secretarial work of the Church at 7, East India Avenue, for one year, at a rental of £90, with the option of a seven years' lease; and that this arrangement has been found to work conveniently.

Your Committee were further instructed to determine the rate of payment to be made to Presbytery Clerks for copying the Minutes of their respective Presbyteries into the duplicate Minute Books provided by the Synod for that purpose. After inquiry your Committee have authorised payment to be made at the rate of 2d. per folio of seventy-two words, and payment has been made accordingly by the Treasurer of the Synod Fund.

The only other matter devolving on your Committee is the suggestion of the Collections to be made in the course of the next Synodical year. After consideration, your Committee agree to recommend that ordinary collections be made as in former years, viz.:—

For	Foreign Missions	on the	third	Sabbath of	May, 1879.
,,	Continental Missions	,,	,,	,,	July, ,,
,,	Schools	,,	,,	,,	Sept., ,,
,,	College	,,	,,	,,	Nov., ,,
,,	Jewish Mission	,,	,,	,,	Jan., 1880.
,,	Home Mission	,,	,,	,,	Mar., ,,

They further suggest for the consideration of the Synod whether it might not be better in future to make the Schools Collection, which is at present taken only by 12 per cent. of the Congregations of the Church, a *biennial* Collection, and to take special measures to evoke a more general response to this Collection in the years on which it will all due.

JAMES WATSON,

Convener.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INTERCOURSE WITH OTHER CHURCHES,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

Your Committee has continued to give its best attention to the matters committed to it by the Synod, but finds only a few points of consequence upon which it deems it necessary to report at present.

As instructed by last Synod, your Committee arranged with the Rev. Principal Lorimer, D.D., to visit the Supreme Court of the Waldensian Church, and, with the Rev. R. H. Lundie, M.A., of Liverpool, to attend the meeting of the Evangelical Church of Belgium, as well as to visit certain of its Congregations. Both of these brethren fulfilled their mission, and of Mr. Lundie's services among our Belgian brethren an interesting narrative from his own pen has appeared in the pages of the *Messenger*.

Important results have followed our efforts to establish a closer relationship with our Presbyterian brethren in the Principality of Wales. The Assembly of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists, which met at Aberystwith last summer, and which the Revs. Dr. Wright and Mr. Muir attended as delegates from this Church, warmly reciprocating our fraternal sentiments, appointed a delegation, consisting of four of its influential members, to correspond with your Committee, and also to visit your Reverend Court. These brethren have powers, as we understand, to propose to you the establishment of federal relations between their Church and ours, similar to those which obtain between us and the United Presbyterian Church. Considering the large part which the (so-called) Calvinistic Methodist Communion has been honoured to take in spreading and maintaining vital and evangelical piety throughout Wales, as well as the soundness of its creed and the devotion of its ministers and people, your Committee regard this proposal on its part as one of great importance, deserving of the most favourable consideration on the part of your Reverend Court. It is inevitable that as charges progress from year to year in the Principality, our intercourse with our Welsh brethren, members like ourselves of the same great Presbyterian Alliance, must become more intimate, and the advantages of a close fraternal tie between the two Churches must be more and more felt. The Committee would suggest that, in the event of any of the Ministers or Preachers of this Church being called to the pastorate of any of the English-speaking Congregations of the Welsh

Church, our Presbyteries be instructed to give the same facilities for translation and transference as are now enjoyed by the Churches with which we are on terms of "Mutual Eligibility."

In one particular your Committee have ventured to defer carrying out the instructions of last Synod. They have not judged it advisable to approach the Free Church of Scotland or the Irish Presbyterian Church with a proposal for reducing the size or the frequency of those "deputations" which have hitherto conveyed fraternal salutations from us to these Churches; on the ground that both our Scottish and Irish brethren have at present under consideration the propriety of entering into new relations with us, the effect of which would be to do away with such "deputations" altogether. The Committee trust to be forgiven for postponing any fresh action until a decision shall have been arrived at on this subject of federal relations.

Respectfully submitted, in name of the Committee, by

J. OSWALD DYKES,
Convener.

REPORT OF MEMBERS OF THE SYNOD OF 1878 APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THIS CHURCH IN THE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATED CHURCHES.

The Council held its first meeting in Edinburgh on the 15th of May last, but deemed it expedient to adjourn immediately to meet in Liverpool on the 15th of October following.

The adjourned meeting thus appointed was duly held in the Lecture Hall of Mount Pleasant Church, Liverpool, and was largely attended by representatives of both Churches.

After deliberation, the Council unanimously agreed that, in reporting to the respective Synods the proceedings of this meeting, it should be recommended—

1. That in the appointment of future meetings these Synods, having respect to the maintenance of the continuity of the Council, and to the more efficient management of its business, shall re-appoint at least one half of the former delegates to the Council.

2. That the Council shall be authorised at each meeting to appoint a Committee to prepare business with a view to the next meeting of the Council.

3. That the next meeting shall be appointed for the month of November, 1880; and that the Synods shall entertain the question whether the Council shall meet at stated intervals; and if so, shall determine what these intervals shall be.

4. That, in accordance with the articles of Union, the Synods shall keep in view the desirableness of embracing in their federal relations the other Presbyterian Churches, and take such steps in that direction as openings in Providence may suggest.

5. That the Synods should consider whether, in connection with the sittings of the Council, public meetings might not be held for considering, and for bringing before the community at large, the great religious questions of the day.

In connection with the subject of Foreign Missions the Council further agreed to recommend that the respective Synods and their Mission Boards should consider:—

1. Whether, by the re-adjustment of their respective Foreign Missions, or by co-operation in the management and support of the same Mission, greater interest and a larger measure of contribution, in respect of Foreign Missions, may be evoked among the members of both Churches; and

2. Whether any additional steps can be taken for the mutual interchange of intelligence respecting their several missions.

Attention was also directed to Church Extension work in England, and the means of advancing the same, with special reference to the expediency of erecting a Presbyterian Church in Oxford or Cambridge; and it was agreed to record the lively interest which the whole Council feel in the work of Church Extension in England, and their desire that it may be carried forward with energy and success; and to express approval of the proposal to erect a Presbyterian Church in Oxford, and to commend it to the liberal support of the wealthier members of both Churches.

It was further agreed to recommend that in nominating the delegates to the next meeting of the Council, each Synod shall nominate three of its present delegates as members of the Committee to make arrangements for the business of that meeting; and also that that meeting shall be held in Manchester.

WM. CHALMERS,
Convener.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REORGANISATION OF STANDING COMMITTEES,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

Your Committee have duly considered the matter entrusted to them, and beg to recommend as follows, viz. :—

(A.) That the following Amalgamations of Committees be made :—

1. The Home Mission (so far as Church Extension and Evangelistic Work are concerned) with the Church Building and Debt Extinction and the Sabbath Schools Committees, under the common name of the Home Mission Committee.
2. The Committee on Intercourse with other Churches with that on Continental Work, taking the name of the former.
3. The Committee on the Sustentation Fund with those on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund and the Ministers' Widows and Orphans Fund, under the name of the Committee on Ministerial Support.
4. The College with the Schools Committee, under the name of the College and Schools Committee.

Your Committee leave the department of Temperance without any special recommendation in terms of the Synod's decision on the same last year, to the effect that a deliverance on this question should be postponed " till after a decision has been come to on the reconstruction of the Committees of the Synod."

Your Committee have to suggest that it is unnecessary to continue in the list of Standing Committees those on Christian Giving and Statistics, but they suggest that the Synod request Dr. Levi to continue his valuable services as the Statist of this Church.

Your Committee recommend that the other Synodical Standing Committees be the following, viz. :—

1. Foreign Missions Committee.
2. Jewish Mission Committee.

3. Law and Historical Documents Committee.
4. Publications Committee.
5. General Purposes Committee.
6. Treasurership Committee.
7. Distribution of Probationers Committee.

[Those on the Union Thanksgiving Fund, Presbyterian Soldiers and Sailors, and Lapsed Presbyterians, being regarded as in their nature special and temporary.]

(B.) Your Committee recommend that the composition of those Committees be severally as follows, with, as far as possible, an equal proportion of ministers and private members, viz. :—

1. All the Committees, except the last three on the list, to consist of—

(*a.*) The Moderator and Clerk of Synod, and the General Secretary;

(*b.*) Twenty-four members separately selected for each Committee by the Synod, of whom one-third shall retire annually, half the retiring members to be eligible for re-election, and to be nominated for that purpose by their respective Committees;

(*c.*) Presbytery representatives to be nominated by their respective Presbyteries in the proportion of one for each fifteen, or fraction of fifteen, regular charges within the bounds—*the names of those thus nominated to be forwarded to the Clerk of Synod not later than seven days before the meeting of Synod.*

N.B.—The clause in italics not to apply to the first election.

2. The General Purposes Committee to consist of the officials of the Synod and Synodical Standing Committees, together with the Presbytery representatives.

3. The Treasurership Committee and that on Distribution of Probationers to be wholly nominated by the Synod.

(C.) Your Committee recommend that the travelling expenses of the Members to the Aggregate Meetings shall be paid out of funds derived from the Funds of the Synod's Committees respectively, at the same rate as Members are paid when attending Synod.

(D.) Your Committee recommend that the Aggregate Meetings of all the Committees be held in London quarterly, in the weeks commencing on the fourth Mondays of March, June, September, and December respectively.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee by

SAMUEL STITT,
Convener.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE,

SUBMITTED TO THE SYNOD, 1879.

Your Committee have much pleasure in stating that the returns received this year are very complete, and they represent as nearly as possible the entire Church.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Registration for Marriages.

Attention has been directed more than once to the expediency of attending to the registration or re-registration of the buildings under the altered name. On the 31st December, 1877, there were registered for the solemnisation of marriages in England, 158 Buildings connected with the Presbyterian Church of England; 118 connected with the Presbyterian Church in England; and 28 as belonging to the United Presbyterians, while 17 belonged to the Church of Scotland. The method of action for having the Buildings re-registered has been pointed out, and it is the interest of each Congregation to attend to the same.

Number of Congregations.

There are now 267 Congregations in the Synod, 115 of which in the northern Presbyteries of Berwick, Northumberland, Newcastle, Carlisle, and Darlington; 61 in the Presbyteries of Liverpool and Manchester; and 91 in the southern Presbyteries of Birmingham, Bristol, and London. The proportion of the London Presbytery to the whole Church is as follows :—

	Presbytery of London per Cent. of the whole Church.
Number of Congregations	25
Amount of Insurance	36
Amount of Debt	41
Number of Sittings available	25
Number of Communicants..	25
Total amount Contributed .. .	35

Dates of Congregations.

The following Dates of our Churches are very suggestive for their

history and associations. The northern Presbyteries have most of the oldest Churches, several Congregations bearing the memorable date of 1662; nevertheless, rather more than the half have been formed since 1851.

PRESBYTERIES.	17th Century.	18th Century.	1801 to 1830.	1831 to 1840.	1841 to 1850.	1851 to 1860.	1861 to 1870.	1871 to 1878.	Unknown.	Total.
Berwick ..	2	6	1	2	4	1	—	—	—	16
Northumberland	2	10	4	3	5	—	1	—	—	25
Newcastle ..	3	12	7	1	6	5	3	6	—	43
Carlisle.. ..	2	5	—	3	—	—	2	—	—	12
Darlington ..	—	—	—	2	1	1	8	7	—	19
Liverpool ..	—	—	2	3	6	7	11	1	1	31
Manchester ..	2	2	2	3	6	2	5	7	1	30
Birmingham ..	—	—	1	2	2	2	7	1	—	15
Bristol	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	1	—	8
London	—	—	1	4	9	10	22	21	1	68
	11	35	18	23	39	30	64	44	3	267

Property of the Church.

The property of the Church is considerable. The real property comprises Churches, Manses, Schools, College and Mission Buildings, some freeholds and some leaseholds. The value of the real property may be estimated from the amount yearly insured. In 1878 the amount of Insurance on Churches and Manses was £692,131. Allowing that this amount represents two-thirds of the real value, the total sum would be about £963,000. To this must be added the School Buildings (35 in number), the value of the Lease of College, and the value of Mission Churches, Lecture Halls, &c. The personal property consists of Stocks and Shares for the endowment of Scholarships, and other Funds of the Church. Particulars of all such property will be found in the Appendix. Year by year such property, real and personal, is increasing in amount, and it is desirable to keep a record of the same. We are able this year, for the first time, to give the original estimate and the real cost of 34 recently built, the united value of which amounted to upwards of £160,000, and the Committee will be obliged for similar particulars for other Churches built within the last twenty years.

Insurances.

The amount insured on Churches and Manses in 1878 was £692,131, against £612,490 in 1877.

Debts.

Notwithstanding the efforts of the Debt Extinction, Thanksgiving, and other Funds, the debt resting on Churches and Manses is increasing year by year. In 1878 the amount returned was £111,253 on Churches and £6496 on Manses, against £102,275 on Churches

and £6939 on Manses in 1877. It is to be regretted that efforts are not made to wipe off such small amounts of debt on Manses, as £164 in the whole Presbytery of Newcastle, £268 in the Presbytery of Carlisle, £354 in the Presbytery of Birmingham, and £7 in the Presbytery of Bristol.

Number of Sittings.

The number of Sittings available is returned at 131,721 in 1878, against 119,072 in 1877, and the number of Sittings allocated or let at 63,110 in 1878, against 56,072 in 1877; the proportion allocated or let being 47·91 per cent. in 1878, against 47 per cent. in 1877. The proportion of Sittings let varies considerably in the different Presbyteries. In some cases the Sittings are entirely free, but in others the number of Sittings let is reported, and not the capacity of the Church. The progress of the Church in Sittings available and let is as follows :—

	Number available.	Number let.	Proportion.
Presbyterian Church in England.			
1875	71,042	35,537	50·02
Presbyterian Church of England.			
1876	113,584	55,596	48·94
1877	119,072	56,072	47·09
1878	131,721	63,110	47·91

Office-Bearers.

The number of Office-Bearers was 1490 Elders, 585 Deacons, and 1987 Managers, the number showing an increase of 314 in the whole number over that of 1877.

College.

The number of Students in the College was as follows :—

	1st year.	2nd year.	3rd year.	Total.
1876	3	9	5	17
1877	14	2	9	25
1878	6	10	4	20

Communicants.

The number of Communicants returned as on the last revised Roll in 1878 was 54,135, against 50,739 in 1877, being an increase of 3396, or in the proportion of 6·69 per cent. in the year. The details given of the additions and removals of Communicants during the year are exceedingly instructive.

The number received was as follows :—

	1878.	1877.
Admitted for the first time	3349	3426
Number received by Certificate	3987	3797
	7336	7223

There were, however, removed as follows:—

	1878.	1877.
Number removed by Certificate ..	2848	2579
Number Lapsed, Dead, &c.	2862	2970
	5710	5449

To the 50,739 Communicants on the registered Roll in 1877, there were thus added 7336 names, and removed 5710, the number remaining being 52,365. Nevertheless the number returned is 54,135. Attention is called in the tables to many cases of discrepancy between the numbers given and those which would seem to result from this calculation. This may arise from members reponed or otherwise, but it would be desirable that in all cases the returns should exhibit what the number was, the total number added, the total number removed, and the number remaining. It will be seen that of the 3396 total increase, 1139 is due to the excess of the number received by certificates, and that whilst 3349 were admitted for the first time, 2862 lapsed or died.

Marriages, Baptisms, Deaths.

The number of marriages solemnised during 1878 was 531, against 497 in 1877. And the number of baptisms 3277 in 1878, against 3267 in 1877. No roll appears to exist of the children thus added to the Church, nor is there any mode of ascertaining what proportion of the children baptised do eventually become communicants in the Presbyterian Church of England. There is a great gap in the spiritual history of the members of the Church, which it would not be difficult to fill up. The number of deaths in 1878 was 702, against 711 in 1877.

Christian Workers and Work.

The full records of this year permit us to see more of the activities of the Church. Thus there were 1746 District Visitors in 1878, against 1661 in 1877. The number of members of Dorcas Societies was 2329 in 1878, against 2116 in 1877. The number of Sabbath School Teachers, 5768 in 1878, against 5197 in 1877. And the number of Sabbath Scholars 53,855 in 1878, against 49,471 in 1877. The day scholars are returned at 7461 in 1878, against 6315 in 1877, notwithstanding the competition of School Board Schools. The Young Men's Societies number 3425 members, and to the different Bible Classes there were attached the goodly number of 6643 members. The proportion of workers to the membership of the Church varies considerably in the different Presbyteries, but it is gratifying to notice some advance in every one of these departments of Christian philanthropy and usefulness.

China Mission.

The progress of this Mission will be seen from the following statistics:—

Year.	European Missionaries.	Native Missionaries.	Stations.	Members.
1876	15	49	64	1974.
1877	15	56	62	2117.
1878	15	57	74	2212.

FINANCIAL.

Congregational Finances.

The finances of the Church are partly Congregational and partly Synodical. The Congregational income is made up of Seat Rent and Collections together, with the sum devoted to the relief of the poor and Congregational missions. The Congregational income of 1878 and 1877 was as follows :—

	1878. £	1877. £
Seat Rent	40,106	37,445
Collections	54,460	51,548
Poor and Missions	16,229	17,849
	£110,795	£106,822

Considerable sums, however, are collected for the payment of the whole or portion of debt, or for the repair of the Churches or Schools. In 1878 the amount so contributed was £34,712, against £38,987 in 1877. Together with this the Congregational income in 1878 amounted to £145,507, against £137,088 in 1877, showing an increase of £8419. It should be observed, however, that the returns of this year are more numerous than those in 1877.

Stipends.

The stipends show year by year a marked increase. During the last three years they amounted as follows :—

	£
1876	65,843
1877	71,607
1878	78,265

The average Stipends in the different Presbyteries were as follows:—

	No. of Stipends returned.	Average Stipends. £	Manses.
Berwick	16	205	10
Northumberland	25	199	16
Newcastle	42	264	9
Carlisle	13	183	2
Darlington	18	222	6
Liverpool	31	388	5
Manchester	30	321	1
Birmingham	15	229	2
Bristol	8	319	2
London	59	420	3
	257	304	56

Estimating the Manses at £20 annual rent, their total value increases the average Stipends by about £4, giving a total of £308 over the whole Church.

Missions, College, Schools, and other Funds.

For Missions, College, Schools, and other purposes the amount received from Presbyteries during the last three years has been as follows:—

	1878. £	1877. £	1876. £
Home Missions	2025	2040	1588
Foreign Missions	5881	5776	5218
Jewish Missions	745	976	824
Continental	268	220	194
College	801	759	816
Schools	188	190	196
	£9908	£10,261	£8830

This is what was given by the Church for these objects. But there must be added the Donations and other funds which enlarged the resources of each respective fund in 1878 to the extent of £6485 13s. 7d. The Church has also given £7682 in aid of the Sustentation Fund, including £2767 Donations, part of which as a reserve fund. And there is, moreover, the Thanksgiving Fund, for which was received during the year £16,929 2s. 11d.

Total Receipts.

The entire amount received for all purposes in 1878 was as follows:—

For Congregational Purposes	£145,507
For Missions, College, and Schools, from Congregations	9,908
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, Donations	6,486
For Sustentation Fund Aid	7,682
For Thanksgiving Fund	16,929
For Church Building Fund	513
For Aged and Infirm Fund	278
For Widows and Orphans Fund	2,398
For United Presbyterian Church	854
	£190,555

Divided according to Presbyteries, the amount received during 1878 and 1877 stands as follows:—

Presbyteries.	1878. £	1877. £
Berwick	4,337	3,963
Northumberland	4,244	4,282
Newcastle	23,230	28,514
Carlisle	2,853	3,098
Darlington	7,748	14,546
Liverpool	26,850	41,042
Manchester	25,359	23,172
Birmingham	6,031	8,754
Bristol	6,030	5,057
London	71,432	70,057
Donations, &c.	12,441	26,242
	£190,555	£228,727

Comparing the number of Communicants with the total receipts in each Presbytery, the proportion per Communicant was as follows:—

	1878. £ s. d.	1877. £ s. d.	1876. £ s. d.
Berwick	1 0 9	1 0 0	1 10 5
Northumberland	0 19 3	1 0 6	1 6 9
Newcastle-on-Tyne	2 4 8	2 18 1	2 2 6
Carlisle	1 14 0	1 15 0	1 18 6
Darlington	2 13 11	5 6 10	3 16 2
Liverpool	3 0 0	4 13 7	2 12 4
Manchester	4 18 4	5 3 6	4 15 5
Birmingham	4 0 9	6 17 6	4 9 8
Bristol	4 5 10	3 16 3	4 3 1
London	5 4 10	5 12 6	5 1 5
Total Average	3 5 9	3 19 9	3 4 3

General Progress of the Church.

The progress of the Church during the last ten years has been as follows:—

Presbyterian Church in England.

	Number of Communicants.	Total Income. £	Per Head. £ s. d.
1869	22,341	72,370	3 4 9
1870	23,366	71,060	2 19 6
1871	24,099	68,773	2 17 0
1872	24,856	75,763	3 0 11
1873	25,585	92,043	3 9 2
1874	27,082	97,910	3 12 3
1875	29,351	99,444	3 7 9

Presbyterian Church of England.

1876	47,284	167,578	3 10 10
1877	50,739	228,727	4 10 2
1878	54,135	190,555	3 10 4

Statistical Conference.

Your Committee have the pleasure of reporting that in January last, at the instance of your Convener, a Conference was held in Edinburgh of members representing the following Presbyterian Churches, viz.:—

Free Church of Scotland,
United Presbyterian Church,
Presbyterian Church of Ireland,
Presbyterian Church of England,
General Presbyterian Council,

to consider the best method of introducing some uniformity in the statistics of all Presbyterian Churches, in order that they may be rendered more comparable, and with a view also of exhibiting their

united strength. The Rev. Dr. MacEwan and your Convener attended, and the Rev. Dr. Blaikie, Convener of the Statistical Committee of the General Presbyterian Council, presided. In the prospect of a new Census in the year 1881, the Conference resolved that the Presbyterian Churches should memorialise her Majesty's Government on the advantage of inserting in the Schedule a distinct query as to the religious persuasion, leaving the answer optional, and also on renewing the inquiry made in 1851 as to the amount of accommodation which the people have provided for religious worship, and the number of persons as attendants by whom this provision is made use of. Your Committee commend the subject to the earnest attention of the Synod.

Your Committee has to acknowledge the help afforded by the Rev. Mr. Black in the collection of Schedules and the preparation of the statistical tables. The work becomes from year to year more onerous and responsible, and needs great labour and time. It would greatly facilitate the preparation of the statistics of the Church were all the Committees of the Church able to close the accounts at the 31st of December, and your Committee would suggest that the Synod should make a recommendation to that effect.

LEONE LEVI,
Convener.

APPENDIX TO STATISTICAL REPORT.

INVENTORY

OF THE

Presbyterian Church of England and its Committees.

APRIL, 1879.

REAL PROPERTY.

1. Churches and Manses returned as insured for £692,131, estimated to have been insured for two-thirds of the real value	£963,000
2. School Buildings	13,000
3. Mission Buildings in China and India.....	—
4. Furniture, Library, &c., of College, Queen Square	—
5. Property belonging to Congregations	—

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

1. College Funds—
   - 31 Shares, Oriental Bank Corporation.
   - 52 Shares, Imperial Bank.
   - 26 Shares, London Joint-Stock Bank.
   - 53 Shares, Union Bank.
   - £1200 London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway.
   - 4000 London and North Western Debenture.
   - 3600 5 per Cent. Great Western Debenture Stock.
   - 940 4 ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
   - 324 4 ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
   - 1000 4 ,, Great Northern Railway Debenture Stock.

Scholarships—
- £1450 5 per Cent. Oude and Rohilkund Railway Stock.
- 877 2s. 4d. 4 per Cent. Indian Government Stock.
- 500 5 per Cent. Canadian Consolidated Stock.
- 1000 5 ,, ,, ,, ,,
- 2075 4½ ,, Great Northern Railway Preference Stock.
- 500 4 ,, North Eastern Railway Stock.

Widows and Orphans—
Securities valued at £15,623.

Aged and Infirm—
Securities amounting to £5629.

Foreign Missions—
- £3000 4 per Cent. Midland Railway Debenture.
- 1000 5 ,, India Stock.

COST OF CHURCHES.

Presbytery of Newcastle—

Newcastle, Blackhill, exclusive of site	£2300	Gateshead, Durham Road	£7500
Blyth	3208*	Newcastle, Barras Bridge	5222
Durham	2800*	Wark	1411
Houghton-le-Spring	2920	Jarrow	2755*

Presbytery of Darlington—

Holderness Road, Hull	£4328*	Whitby	£4985*
Middlesborough	4484	York	5436*
Stockton	5000*		

Presbytery of Liverpool—

Southport Church	£6551	Waterloo, Liverpool	£5888
,, Lecture Hall	1379	Parkgate	4400*
	£7930	Fairfield	6154

Presbytery of Manchester—

Hanover Square, Leeds .. £5810

Presbytery of Birmingham—

Shrewsbury £5042

Presbytery of Bristol—

Aberdare	£4200*	Gloucester	£4133

Presbytery of London—

Clapton	£6392	Notting Hill	£13,234
Ipswich	4100	Wood Green	5776
Wandsworth	4300*	Portsmouth	6000*
Willesden	3000*	Gravesend	4842
Streatham	5200*	South Kensington	7200
Upper Norwood	6000*	Woolston	3300
Crouch Hill	8248*		

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* Those so marked are the original estimated cost. The real cost will be substituted when obtained.

LEONE LEVI,

Convener.

GENERAL

OF

PRESBYTERIAN

PRESENTED TO THE

PART I.—CON-

F, Freehold; L, Leasehold and number

No.	Congregations.	Date.	Date of Minister's Ordination or Induction.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	Debt. Church.	Debt. Manse.	Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings Let.
				CHURCHES.					
	Presbyteries.								
	Berwick.				£	£	£		
1	Ancroft Moor	1845	1860	F	...	...	160	280	170
2	Beaumont Union	1850	1872	L 99	400	...	...	399	315
3	Belford—Columba	1840	1851	F	900	...	...	370	150
4	,, —Erskine	1777	1867	L 60	1300	...	...	360	246
5	Berwick—Bankhill	1719	1863	L *a*	800	20	...	400	275
6	,, —Church Street	1812	1877	F	1000	...	...	600	free
7	,, —Wallace Green	1771	1878	F	6500	*b*807	...	1031	837
8	Chatton	1850	1851	L	400	...	...	500	276
9	Crookham	1742	1864	F	...	...	...	480	260
10	Etal	1696	1866	F	400	...	...	400	247
11	Horncliffe	1853	1858	F	800	...	70	325	204
12	Lowick	1662	1874	F	750	...	150	430	214
13	Norham—North Church	1845	1858	F	...	...	300	500	216
14	,, —South Church	1737	1870	F	500	...	...	300	185
15	Spittal	1752	1850	...	3700	500	...	600	439
16	Tweedmouth	1840	1854	F & C	800	...	300	450	230
					18250	1327	980	7425	4264
	Northumberland.								
17	Alnwick—Clayport Street	1753	1852	F	1600	..	...	600	260
18	,, —Lisburn Street	1837	1843	F	1000	...	...	350	170
19	,, —St. James'	1669	1871	F	800	...	...	450	380
20	Bavington	1725	1853	F	1000	...	...	230	123
21	Bedlington	1843	1845	F	...	...	...	200	122
22	Birdhopecraig	1690	1875	L 99	500	...	...	450	150
23	Branton	1730	1842	F	1050	...	...	500	332
24	Embleton	1833	1850	L 64	...	...	...	340	...
25	Felton	1819	1873	L	...	...	120	300	198
26	Glanton	1783	1865	F	800	...	15	500	367
27	Harbottle	1756	1871	[L 999 *a*]	800	..	...	450	260
28	Longframlington	1739	1862	F	...	...	...	200	70
29	Morpeth	1700	1842	F	4000	...	...	850	445
30	Newbiggin	1863	1870	F	...	...	...	300	97
31	North Middleton	1817	1872	L	...	100	...	260	118
32	North Sunderland—East Church ...	1843	1865	C	...	...	...	300	96
33	,, —West Church ...	1808	1870	C	800	35	...	360	160
34	Otterburn	1831	1872	F	600	...	...	250	147
	Carried forward ...	...	...	...	12950	135	135	6890	3495

(*a*) Manse Freehold. (*b*) On Sunday School and Mission Hall.

STATISTICS

THE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND,

SYNOD IN 1879.

GREGATIONAL.

of years; C, Copyhold; P, Perpetuity.

OFFICE-BEARERS.			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.							No.
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5	4	9	8	36	13	4	161c	148	2	18	1	...	...	2	20	40	...	6	1
7	...	10	14	71	59	15	300	290	2	12	1	13	...	8	50	...	...	17	2
3	2	...	9	21	35	1	136	142	...	4	1	...	...	1	15	...	...	...	3
8	...	12	10	61	39	13	241	222	1	10	3	2	...	5	39	...	15	21	4
8	7	...	12	15	20	10	263c	265	5	18	6	...	...	9	65	...	30	24	5
9	...	18	5	31	15	3	280	262	2	10	3	10	6	15	90	...	...	40	6
16	...	19	19	33	29	31	735	743	7	27	19	63	45	61	427	...	...	87	7
5	. .	12	18	33	49	10	270	278	6	18	10	...	...	5	60	...	...	...	8
4	6	...	3	...	...	3	215	215	3	10	3	...	...	4	73	63	...	...	9
4	2	...	14	36	40	6	230c	237	2	17	3	10	...	8	60	...	...	14	10
6	...	...	10	...	...	1	220c	208	2	12	1	...	...	5	77	110	...	20	11
5	5	...	19	49	44	5	254c	238	2	8	5	5	...	2	36	...	...	38	12
4	4	...	5	10	12	6	210c	212	...	15	2	...	...	6	67	...	...	14	13
5	...	5	3	33	46	4	160	...	4	10	4	...	...	5	40	...	...	...	14
9	15	...	14	30	31	10	315	312	4	33	6	...	...	19	160	...	...	52	15
4	3	7	4	15	20	...	180c	190	...	12	10	6	...	6	60	100	. .	8	16
102	48	92	167	474	452	122	4170	3962	42	234	78	109	51	161	1339	313	45	341	
8	...	9	10	21	10	16	245	240	...	11	6	8	...	18	99	...	...	...	17
7	...	11	9	9	8	...	156c	161	1	9	4	4	...	12	83	...	...	...	18
8	...	14	19	43	49	...	294	281	5	36	...	7	...	14	92	...	...	...	19
8	...	5	2	3	6	1	96	98	1	6	1	...	...	4	35	42	...	5	20
5	...	8	2	2	17	6	114	130	...	...	...	...	...	5	40	...	...	...	21
6	...	8	8	5	8	5	117	117	1	8	2	6	...	6	75	...	...	14	22
6	3	...	10	...	...	...	285c	281	...	...	...	...	...	8	110	30	...	18	23
4	6	...	10	34	39	6	193c	204	2	8	4	...	...	4	54	...	...	...	24
3	...	8	4	23	22	2	148c	146	...	12	2	..	...	5	44	...	...	14	25
7	4	...	14	20	31	19	257c	267	...	27	19	12	...	9	92	...	...	12	26
4	...	7	2	8	17	5	202c	213	2	17	5	...	...	5	40	...	...	18	27
2	...	9	4	4	8	...	71	71	...	8	...	3	...	8	90	...	...	...	28
5	15	...	6	12	...	...	240c	245	5	22	...	11	...	34	295	215	70	45	29
2	2	4	...	...	...	...	91	85	...	...	...	...	...	8	45	...	...	...	30
4	9	...	...	...	...	...	97	98	...	9	...	...	...	3	24	...	...	...	31
4	...	...	4	13	20	...	86c	92	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
9	...	10	12	27	43	15	172c	191	1	6	2	15	...	7	50	...	...	12	33
6	...	11	7	1	6	15	125c	147	3	10	4	...	...	3	25	...	...	5	34
98	39	104	123	225	284	90	2989	3067	22	195	49	66	...	153	1293	287	70	143	

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CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.

No	Congregations.	Date.	Date of Minister's Ordination or Induction.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	Debt.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings Let.
						Church.	Manse.		
					£	£	£	£	£
	Brought forward	...	...	...	12950	135	135	6890	3495
35	Thropton	1799	1851	L 199	400	...	...	300	163
36	Warenford	1751	1867	P	...	...	...	350	233
37	Warkworth	1826	1871	F	500	...	200	300	194
38	Widdrington	1765	1845	F	750	...	...	300	139
39	Wooler—Cheviot Street	1700	1833 1878	...	1000	...	...	803	329
40	,, —Tower Hill	1737	...	L 90*a*	1400	...	...	420	137
41	,, —West Chapel	1842	1843	F	...	...	...	560	270
					17000	135	335	9923	4960
	Newcastle-upon-Tyne.								
42	Bellingham	1806	1871	F	600	...	...	260	195
43	Blackhill...	1857	1869	F	400	...	...	200	176
44	Blyth—Bridge Street	1842	1873	P	500	...	...	450	...
45	,, —Waterloo Road	1779	1861	F	4000	2150	...	600	340
46	Durham	1872	1873	F	2000	950	...	400	120
47	Falstone	1709	1875	F	500	...	...	270	252
48	Gateshead—Durham Road	1869	1876	F	5000	3650	...	900	400
49	,, —Ellison Street	1786	1872	F	1000	...	...	450	211
50	Gosforth...	1877	1877	F	1200	1704	...	280	116
51	Hebburn	1869	1878	L 99	6000	...	...	800	106
52	Hexham	1830	1856	F	1600	...	...	360	Free
53	Houghton-le-Spring	1825	1869	C	3000	1000	...	400	200
54	Jarrow—Ellison Street	1852	1857	L 99	4800	1035	...	920	500
55	,, —Wear Street	1857	1873	L 99	2000	...	...	312	63
56	Killingworth	1869	1875	L 300	400	...	...	...	70
57	Newcastle—Barras Bridge	1744	1834 1876	F	4000	1000	...	700	456
58	,, —Blackett Street	1743	1862	F	3000	*b*200	...	620	599
59	,, —Byker	1877	1878	..	...	...	..	...	Free
60	,, —Erskine Church	1853	1857	F	1000	...	...	365	125
61	,, —John Knox	1698	1867	F	2000	...	...	616	560
62	,, —Park Road	1873	1873	...	400	...	...	250	Free
63	,, —St. George's	1851	1854	F	200	500	...	650	...
64	,, —Trinity	1765	1875	F	4000	...	...	969	969
65	,, —Westmoreland Rd. ...	1801	1872	F	4000	1250	...	750	550
66	North Shields—Howard Street ...	1662	1873	F	2500	...	...	700	502
67	,, —Northumberland Sq. ...	1780	1877	F	1500	400	...	644	446
68	Seaton Burn	1873	1874	L 75	800	150	...	250	100
69	Seaton Delaval	1845	1857	L	1000	...	...	400	231
70	South Shields—East Street	1809	1876	F	1000	...	...	400	191
71	,, —Laygate	1849	1862	F	3000	...	...	530	Free
72	,, —Mile End Road ...	1719	1867	F	2000	...	...	520	75
73	,, —St. John's	1728	1870	F	4000	1050	...	630	435
74	Stamfordham	1662	1847	L3 lives ...		...	...	200	...
75	Sunderland—North Bridge St. ...	1778	1878	F	1600	...	...	500	230
76	,, —St. George's	1711	1875	C	3000	...	...	650	590
77	,, —St. Stephen's	1827	1851	...	2000	1250	...	420	146
	Carried forward	...	...	...	74000	16289	...	17366	8954

(*a*) Manse Freehold. (*b*) Plus an annuity of £300 per annum for a limited term.

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98	39	104	123	225	284	90	2989	3067	22	195	49	66	...	153	1293	287	70	143	
4		2	7	22	5	2	148*c*	152	1	8	2	...	...	6	70	...	...	...	35
3	6	...	4	36	42	9	214	225	1	11	2	15	...	6	50	...	...	...	36
3	...	9	5	15	15	3	207	205	...	11	3	...	...	5	30	...	...	...	37
5	2	5	6	...	...	...	170*c*	180	4	15	...	...	...	4	65	...	...	...	38
5	...	20	7	38	23	20	348	...	1	13	8	...	...	8	58	...	...	14	39
3	...	6	2	4	13	3	140	150	...	7	1	...	...	3	26	...	...	...	40
4	...	4	13	24	30	12	189	198	5	18	9	...	...	5	30	150	...	...	41
125	47	150	167	364	412	139	4405	4177	34	278	74	81	...	190	1622	437	70	157	
6	...	9	12	3	3	8	189	185	...	13	4	...	...	13	88	...	...	...	42
4	...	13	18	5	10	2	258*c*	147	...	12	...	5	...	14	130	...	...	14	43
6	...	9	5	2	6	7	100*c*	116	2	8	7	...	30	24	170	...	...	12	44
8	...	7	...	...	...	...	220	220	...	9	4	18	...	49	352	...	20	15	45
4	...	12	2	12	2	19	100*c*	103	...	8	...	...	...	7	60	...	...	8	46
11	...	6	4	6	3	6	185*c*	181	2	10	4	12	...	10	60	130	...	12	47
7	...	15	20	22	21	6	315	300	...	21	3	...	...	32	203	...	15	18	48
9	4	...	12	30	22	14	263	257	7	31	5	15	30	18	145	...	...	29	49
...	...	7	10	8	2	...	48	...	...	6	...	...	...	7	46	...	...	...	50
5	10	...	12	26	11	13	217	203	1	23	2	...	...	22	190	...	...	...	51
8	...	12	13	4	19	15	155	172	2	8	2	...	...	18	131	...	...	11	52
8	...	11	10	...	5	4	180*c*	180	2	8	2	...	...	10	105	...	...	10	53
14	...	12	18	24	18	17	492	485	...	41	...	14	...	42	423	...	...	70	54
3	...	8	11	11	9	6	73	...	...	12	...	6	...	9	101	...	...	...	55
4	...	4	...	...	...	...	80	107	...	...	...	..	...	3	20	...	...	...	56
10	...	11	10	31	12	11	328	310	3	24	5	22	...	28	199	...	*d*65	64	57
13	...	21	19	34	39	28	661	675	...	37	9	13	...	65	500	...	20	45	58
...	...	9	17	49	5	3	112	...	...	10	...	...	...	10	80	...	...	...	59
4	...	12	19	8	28	3	165*c*	165	1	12	...	2	...	28	180	...	...	8	60
13	12	...	50	31	38	40	565	562	3	19	7	20	...	52	326	...	60	110	61
5	5	...	12	2	2	...	130*c*	120	...	14	...	7	...	14	170	...	...	30	62
10	...	15	13	11	...	32	351*c*	373	4	27	4	9	...	23	150	...	...	27	63
13	14	...	61	42	30	11	712	650	3	47	11	6	30	58	470	...	42	70	64
10	...	22	21	40	...	46	487	472	...	40	13	3	18	22	206	...	48	...	65
8	14	...	7	21	9	27	362	370	10	48	12	14	30	40	450	340	...	20	66
11	...	12	23	16	14	24	303	302	3	17	8	10	15	39	260	...	...	62	67
2	...	11	13	19	17	12	133	130	1	11	2	...	...	10	200	...	...	24	68
8	7	...	6	4	7	6	123*c*	129	...	11	2	...	...	7	106	155	...	13	69
4	...	20	16	2	10	3	260	255	...	15	...	8	...	36	293	...	...	50	70
6	11	...	21	11	9	5	363	345	3	28	1	9	75	40	550	...	40	30	71
7	...	15	13	6	5	12	201*c*	201	2	11	4	...	24	22	180	...	...	22	72
7	9	...	50	5	2	10	354	311	4	25	5	4	...	40	400	...	...	21	73
3	...	5	...	...	...	...	80	84	1	4	...	...	...	2	25	...	...	12	74
9	7	...	10	11	8	15	222*c*	231	5	11	10	14	...	30	309	...	25	30	75
8	8	...	37	29	20	29	464	447	5	32	4	20	15	63	680	...	...	80	76
6	...	5	6	2	2	3	129*c*	129	...	10	3	8	12	13	96	...	22	18	77
254	101	283	571	527	388	437	9380	8917	64	663	133	239	279	920	8054	625	357	935	

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(*d*) Young Men and Women's Fellowship Meeting.

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79	,, —Trinity	1821	1876	L	4000	...	...	750	500
80	Swalwell..	1733	1862	F	500	...	...	200	100
81	Walker	1842	1865	L 75	*b*2500	...	...	450	250
82	Wallsend	1846	...	L 999	400	...	164	300	221
83	Wark	1842	...	F	1000	...	...	160	101
84	Willington Quay	1877	1877	L 62	1800	190	...	354	130
	Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
					85800	16479	164	20080	10460
	CARLISLE.								
85	Bewcastle	1836	1876	L 8	...	...	...	280	20
86	Brampton	1649	1859	F	600	...	...	200	90
87	Carlisle—Fisher Street...	1688	1862	F	2700	...	...	572	590
88	,, —Warwick Road	1862	1873	F	1000	...	228	650	430
89	Cleator Moor	1867	1869	F	700	...	...	225	186
90	Haltwhistle	1744	...	F	400	...	...	200	50
91	Maryport—Crosby Street	1831	1851	F	1000	...	...	400	220
92	,, —John Street	1776	...	F	700	...	40	320	95
93	Penrith	1700	1858	F	400	...	...	210	108
94	Whitehaven—High Street	1755	1877	F	1000	...	...	500	120
95	,, —Market Place	1836	1866	F	1600	...	...	514	298
96	Workington	1767	...	P	1000	15	...	300	90
	Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
					11100	15	268	4371	2297
	DARLINGTON.								
97	Bishop Auckland	1863	1867	L 99*a*	1900	...	...	240	Free
98	Crook	1861	1863	F	990	...	...	240	122
99	Darlington	1869	1866	F	2000	700	...	600	369
100	Grimsby...	1874	1875	F	1000	160	...	70	96
101	Harrogate	1876	1876	F	500	550	...	300	Free
102	Hartlepool	1839	1843 1865	F	800	...	...	350	209
103	Hull—Holderness Road	1873	1878	F	3500	1111	701	1050	Free
104	,, —Prospect Street.	1867	1868	F	5000	†1005	1187	850	Free
105	,, —Spring Bank	1838	1878	F	4000	2825	...	500	Free
106	Middlesborough—Newport Road ...	1862	...	F	*2000	600	...	650	187
107	,, —Trinity	1872	1875	F	3000	1377	...	550	209
108	Mount Pleasant...	1863	1863	F	1500	...	‡200	300	116
109	Redcar	1872	1878	L	400	...	...	230	133
110	Stockton—St. Andrew's	1845	1871	F	3050	...	...	340	267
111	,, —St. George's	1867	1873	F	3600	3700	...	550	...
112	Towlaw	1863	1864	F	900	100	...	210	Free
113	West Hartlepool	1858	1858	F	...	...	...	400	106
114	Whitby—Trinity	1874	1874	F	3000	2800	...	460	160
115	*a* York	1874	1875	F	...	...	...	520	Free
					37140	14928	2088	8610	1974

a) Manse Freehold. (*b*) Manse £1400, School £900. * Manse £800. † On the Hall. ‡ On the Schools.

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8	...	5	7	40	2	8	171*c*	132	1	11	4	...	...	16	120	...	...	64	78
11	...	15	3	19	9	6	353	346	2	19	4	20	...	33	370	..	..	..	79
6	...	7	2	4	4	1	48*c*	48	...	3	1	12	...	15	150	...	8	12	80
8	...	10	22	10	5	10	184	167	...	25	1	16	...	38	288	...	..	..	81
3	...	13	14	4	5	1	82	...	...	3	...	...	...	22	231	...	..	..	82
6	...	6	1	8	6	5	64*c*	75	...	13	...	...	...	1	27	...	..	...	83
4	...	16	9	19	5	3	107*c*	86	...	9	3	...	...	20	140	...	..	35	84
...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	47	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
300	101	355	699	631	424	471	10389	9818	67	746	146	287	279	1065	9380	625	365	1046	
2	...	4	2	...	...	3	72	73	...	4	2	6	...	...	...	...	...	12	85
4	...	6	6	8	6	5	50*c*	46	...	10	...	6	...	10	50	40	...	12	86
7	...	14	10	51	26	46	390*c*	415	7	35	14	...	7	37	480	...	..	80	87
7	11	...	20	14	32	23	303	324	3	17	4	24	...	30	212	...	40	38	88
3	7	...	3	12	7	21	106*c*	117	4	12	...	6	...	12	80	50	...	15	89
4	...	3	...	...	1	2	58	76	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	90
5	...	12	8	7	5	4	116	110	5	18	2	8	...	30	200	...	24	10	91
3	...	4	2	5	3	7	72*c*	80	3	17	1	3	...	10	80	...	...	...	92
2	...	5	1	6	5	9	86*c*	91	...	6	3	...	...	8	56	...	...	15	93
4	...	15	15	8	...	...	150	150	...	28	3	...	...	11	85	...	...	...	94
5	...	7	20	21	3	17	191*c*	170	4	20	3	18	22	23	170	...	25	19	95
4	...	9	...	...	...	...	82	93	...	...	...	9	...	22	180	...	...	12	96
...	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
50	18	79	87	132	88	137	1676	1770	26	167	32	80	29	193	1593	90	89	213	
5	...	11	4	15	14	3	112*c*	111	1	7	1	14	...	14	111	...	...	20	97
6	...	12	4	1	6	2	76	79	2	10	...	...	15	90	...	...	...	20	98
8	14	...	34	17	19	7	262	237	8	21	3	19	24	33	430	...	36	65	99
3	...	8	...	3	2	29	80	100	1	7	1	...	...	36	325	...	...	...	100
3	...	5	8	13	4	9	65	57	...	2	...	...	...	4	40	...	...	...	101
6	...	20	6	5	6	2	186*c*	186	7	13	3	10	...	20	140	...	...	12	102
9	7	...	5	20	6	52	202*c*	254	...	10	3	...	...	38	393	...	...	190	103
19	6	...	25	8	7	23	542	539	3	21	6	41	20	70	712	...	30	...	104
3	...	12	12	14	2	5	129	110	2	5	...	...	...	14	140	...	...	...	105
5	...	15	4	7	5	31	120	...	...	8	3	...	...	12	80	...	...	20	106
7	...	11	10	8	16	3	125	126	1	11	1	...	...	15	160	...	25	...	107
5	...	12	6	8	6	11	117	120	...	8	2	8	...	22	104	...	...	20	108
3	...	7	11	4	1	9	80*c*	73	...	2	1	...	...	8	66	...	14	...	109
6	...	15	8	7	3	11	199	198	1	18	...	10	20	23	170	...	...	30	110
3	9	...	21	12	23	15	167*c*	134	3	6	2	...	...	17	235	...	26	79	111
4	...	8	7	3	9	3	79*c*	82	5	7	...	7	...	8	90	...	...	...	112
4	...	10	10	16	...	26	135	135	...	18	2	4	...	25	175	...	...	22	113
3	...	8	8	2	...	...	84*c*	76	1	6	...	...	...	17	81	...	...	..	114
3	3	...	7	16	7	8	112	104	3	12	...	12	...	18	120	...	20	30	115
105	39	154	190	179	136	249	2872	2721	38	192	28	125	79	484	3572	...	151	508	

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						Church.	Manse.		
	Liverpool.				£	£	£		
116	Barrow-in-Furness	1868	1870	F	6200	2335	...	758	404
117	Birkenhead—Claughton	1863	1863	F	5000	1850	...	782	547
118	,, —Grange Road	1837	1847	F	2600	...	...	700	504
119	,, —Hamilton	1868	1874	F	3000	...	350	600	196
120	,, —St. Andrew's	1840	1868	F	4000	...	...	827	445
121	,, —St. Paul's	1858	1870	F	1500	800	...	420	266
122	Chester	1853	1867	F	1500	...	...	500	205
123	Douglas	1825	1866	F	3000	...	100	594	226
124	Egremont	1859	1865	F	...	1400	...	500	450
125	Liverpool—Canning Street	1844	...	F	7500	...	...	984	591
126	,, —Derby Road, Bootle ...	1855	1877	L 55	8300	...	...	1100	830
127	,, —Everton Valley	1862	1869	L	5000	...	...	1000	750
128	,, —Fairfield	1864	1866	F	4500	210	...	600	435
129	,, —Hyslop Street	1863	1877	...	1700	...	...	400	Free
130	,, —Islington	1845	1874	F	5500	...	...	865	640
131	,, —Mount Pleasant *a*... ...	1807	1846	L 33	6600	1000	...	1000	520
132	,, —Prince's Road	1864	...	F	5500	4480	...	596	205
133	,, —Queen's Road	1861	1864	F	3000	2070	...	850	600
134	,, —Shaw Street	1860	1876	F	3000	550	...	600	212
135	,, —St. George's	1845	1877	F	6000	...	...	1100	501
136	,, —St. Peter's	1842	1878	F	5000	500	...	726	329
137	,, —Trinity	1857	1858	F	*b*2600	...	...	500	...
138	,, —Union	1876	1878	...	...	...	...	...	...
139	,, —Vauxhall Road	1867	1868	P	3000	...	...	450	200
140	Parkgate	1858	1875	private	...	...	...	250	Free
141	Ramsey	1834	1878	F	500	..	...	180	132
142	Rockferry	1856	1857	F	3500	...	...	650	350
143	St. Helen's	1867	1875	L 999	5000	...	...	500	152
144	Southport	1870	...	F	6150	...	...	450	221
145	Sutton	1850	1877	F	500	120	...	200	100
146	Waterloo	1873	1873	..	4500	1500	...	311	257
					114150	16815	450	18993	10268
	Manchester.								
147	Blackburn—Mount Street	1866	1874	L 999	1000	...	...	570	180
148	,, —St. George's	1809	1868	L 988	6000	...	...	1000	753
149	Bolton	1840	1874	F	2500	...	...	477	303
150	Bradford...	1847	1878	F	2000	350	...	524	280
151	Crewe	1845	1872	F	2000	...	...	450	105
152	Leeds—Hanover Square	1864	1876	F	450	...	...	180	171
153	,, —St. Columba's	1853	1864	F	2300	...	...	500	...
154	Manchester—Ancoats	1839	1874	F	2000	...	...	600	Free
155	,, —Bowdon	1868	1869	F	5000	...	...	400	300
156	,, —Brunswick Street ...	1798	1861	L 999	4500	...	...	644	488
	Carried forward	...	...	...	27750	350	...	5345	2580

(*a*) Building is in course of erection. (*b*) The figures are mostly "about" very indefinite.

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9	...	12	17	28	9	40	309	313	9	28	1	22	...	32	360	...	...	23	116
10	...	11	14	20	...	14	250*c*	227	...	9	2	7	8	27	275	...	50	40	117
8	...	16	18	9	11	16	354	354	...	12	6	...	9	30	273	...	...	25	118
6	...	6	3	13	26	10	137	157	6	13	1	6	30	12	140	...	...	...	119
13	11	...	...	32	80	...	473*c*	545	...	...	20	20	16	47	401	975	...	26	120
6	...	10	12	29	6	4	159*c*	133	3	13	5	...	...	8	...	...	40	6	121
3	5	9	2	7	11	3	125	130	3	5	1	...	12	30	280	...	10	14	122
5	4	1	14	9	5	12	177	171	...	7	...	4	...	12	63	...	...	...	123
10	...	12	...	...	...	...	420	435	...	21	...	...	...	102	1000	600	...	60	124
12	4	...	14	12	16	36	519*c*	550	...	29	6	...	...	31	222	...	60	22	125
11	...	15	69	43	22	26	787	723	2	51	6	...	65	41	365	218	...	24	126
7	...	15	27	25	48	25	650	671	6	57	7	23	15	72	852	...	60	53	127
6	...	10	19	45	...	...	301*c*	275	3	21	...	12	5	49	541	...	74	46	128
7	10	...	12	38	4	5	176*c*	153	1	...	4	...	...	33	250	...	...	14	129
3	...	15	28	13	6	55	645*c*	675	4	27	9	25	...	74	963	...	...	105	130
8	...	16	20	23	18	32	428	435	...	12	8	20	10	56	410	...	25	35	131
5	...	16	4	38	25	35	220	238	...	...	...	...	...	14	136	...	25	...	132
5	..	12	37	34	25	19	576*c*	550	5	32	3	20	15	63	850	...	25	22	133
6	...	12	16	15	...	20	195*c*	190	7	21	6	8	...	18	134	...	30	25	134
3	13	...	27	46	...	10	307*c*	216	3	17	7	8	11	23	181	...	35	...	135
11	...	14	43	11	32	200	480*c*	701	5	31	8	4	4	44	496	313	40	30	136
5	...	8	5	16	8	2	201*c*	181	...	17	1	4	12	15	115	...	...	55	137
6	...	12	35	195	2	1	237	...	...	13	1	20	...	46	500	...	...	67	138
3	6	3	4	...	...	2	106*c*	105	...	7	1	6	65	13	165	...	30	32	139
2	...	14	3	5	15	3	70*c*	83	1	...	3	15	...	8	89	...	...	24	140
3	...	9	...	12	...	7	62*c*	55	...	1	2	...	...	7	70	...	...	17	141
5	...	13	9	15	6	...	208*c*	205	...	18	2	16	18	37	385	14	...	...	142
4	...	14	8	3	3	3	115	110	...	12	3	7	12	16	108	...	..	35	143
8	...	8	7	8	3	12	120	120	3	6	3	12	...	13	100	...	20	...	144
5	...	10	13	18	...	6	70	...	1	5	1	4	...	8	120	73	...	6	145
1	...	9	...	10	8	..	69*c*	70	...	4	1	6	...	10	65	...	...	15	146
196	53	302	480	672	389	598	8946	8771	62	489	118	269	307	991	9909	2193	524	821	
5	...	20	...	4	5	7	79*c*	91	4	6	...	9	...	17	230	...	12	25	147
13	...	25	37	24	10	25	471	445	10	45	6	36	...	46	646	90	15	25	148
6	...	9	22	36	11	7	287*c*	248	5	30	3	12	6	26	208	...	...	60	149
7	...	15	7	13	22	21	192	...	...	13	...	...	...	20	158	...	25	...	150
1	...	6	3	1	4	...	68*c*	72	2	6	...	...	...	8	115	523	...	...	151
7	...	15	15	16	15	3	127*c*	112	4	7	2	9	...	17	100	...	...	78	152
4	...	10	20	10	20	10	130	130	2	8	2	10	...	9	37	...	16	12	153
5	10	...	...	...	...	...	150	145	2	9	...	20	...	18	200	600	...	6	154
4	2	6	9	21	6	15	114	105	...	8	3	...	12	8	71	...	13	14	155
11	...	15	7	19	14	37	322*c*	333	2	23	4	9	30	52	403	...	29	40	156
63	12	121	120	144	107	125	1940	1681	31	155	20	105	48	221	2168	1213	110	260	

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	Brought forward	...	...	...	27750	350	...	5345	2580
157	Manchester—Coupland Street... ...	1849	1863	P L	3400	...	...	650	500
158	,, —Eccles	1877	...	F	400	15	...	200	94
159	,, —Grosvenor Square ...	1836	1870	F	10800	...	...	828	500
160	,, —Higher Broughton ...	1874	1877	L P	6000	...	...	650	180
161	,, —Longsight	1871	1869	F	4000	...	...	450	267
162	,, —Pendleton	1871	1878	F	2000	...	...	500	201
163	,, —St. Andrew's	1846	1872	F	4100	...	...	890	460
164	,, —Sale	1874	1874	F	5000	1609	...	700	207
165	,, —Salford	1845	1873	C	4000	...	...	800	237
166	,, —Trinity	1845	1847	F	3000	...	...	850	548
167	,, —Whalley Range	1877	1877	L 990	3000	1200	...	400	175
168	,, —Withington	1867	1871	L	4500	...	...	430	472
169	Preston	1877	1877	F	500	900	...	250	155
170	Ramsbottom	1817	1874	L 999	4000	230	...	650	340
171	Risley	1662	1865	F	M. 300	...	...	100	33
172	Rochdale	1866	1867	L 999	4000	...	...	800	380
173	Sheffield	1854	1854	L 800	3400	...	...	470	268
174	Warrington	1855	1877	L	3000	...	...	550	118
175	Wharton...	1662	1862	F	1500	...	...	300	210
176	Wigan	1769	1873	F	4000	3200	...	600	196
	Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
					98650	7504	...	16413	8121
	Birmingham.								
177	Birmingham—Broad Street	1839	1875	L 60	3000	...	...	800	160
178	,, —Camp Hill	1865	1867	F	4500	1500	...	600	202
179	,, —New John Street ...	1855	1878	F	2000	...	...	432	100
180	,, —Smethwick	1853	1868	F	1600	390	...	350	Free
181	Burton-on-Trent	1861	1870	L 92	1200	...	...	334	170
182	Derby	1865	1865	F	2616	1000	354	420	157
183	Dudley	1842	1876	F	1200	180	..	400	102
184	Hanley	1847	1858	F	1000	...	...	270	170
185	Leicester...	1865	1868	F	3000	1600	...	750	110
186	Nottingham	1830	1868	L 99	2900	...	...	575	178
187	Shrewsbury	1867	1875	F	2000	300	...	500	94
188	Stafford	1840	1878	F	900	...	...	322	185
189	Walsall	1877	1878	...	...	...	...	...	Free
190	Wolverhampton	1862	1876	F	3600	1810	...	620	258
191	Worcester	1865	1873	F	3000	...	...	800	...
					32516	6780	354	7173	1886
	Bristol.								
192	Aberdare	1875	1870	...	...	...	...	...	...
193	Bristol	1855	1866	F	3700	...	...	700	400
	Carried forward	...	...	...	3700	...	...	700	400

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63	12	121	120	144	107	125	1940	1681	31	155	20	105	48	221	2168	1213	110	260	
12	...	15	27	12	33	...	354	348	2	12	6	38	24	56	579	...	44	61	157
3	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	4	20	...	...	..	158
11	13	...	15	...	14	1	395*c*	405	...	23	5	...	22	50	466	363	25	...	159
6	...	...	...	...	...	...	91	...	2	3	1	...	...	9	55	...	...	16	160
7	...	2	23	15	10	13	132	116	1	7	1	10	...	22	307	...	46	50	161
6	...	12	7	26	5	6	160*c*	135	2	11	...	27	...	25	230	...	35	..	162
7	9	8	18	11	16	18	325	330	...	28	5	...	18	26	205	...	50	30	163
...	...	20	10	30	14	4	115	93	...	3	1	17	15	15	105	...	30	45	164
6	12	...	8	19	10	15	216	214	9	25	1	11	9	36	312	280	31	20	165
7	11	...	8	33	21	14	296	290	...	35	...	1	18	25	230	..	63	65	166
4	...	4	7	22	7	1	72	51	...	4	1	...	...	11	64	...	22	16	167
9	7	...	23	8	15	20	190	194	2	13	...	8	31	16	120	...	48	32	168
4	...	18	45	35	3	1	134	...	3	10	1	6	...	15	140	...	30	48	169
6	7	6	14	...	12	4	158*c*	161	8	21	4	...	...	27	291	160	...	.	170
2	...	2	...	...	...	1	14	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	42	95	...	..	171
6	...	14	11	5	6	2	128	120	5	9	2	11	...	34	307	...	22	..	172
6	...	9	52	10	19	1	177*c*	160	2	15	1	10	50	24	170	...	60	22	173
...	...	...	4	7	1	4	52	46	3	9	1	5	...	16	196	...	28	20	174
4	...	15	4	...	...	1	72	69	2	10	...	5	...	27	248	268	32	28	175
5	10	15	10	3	4	2	132	...	3	12	1	8	...	20	220	250	24	..	176
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	
174	81	268	406	380	297	233	5153	4475	75	411	51	262	235	682	6475	2629	700	713	
7	...	12	6	15	29	2	146	156	4	15	2	24	26	37	330	...	40	50	177
4	...	12	11	11	7	10	140	135	...	9	...	17	10	27	465	...	32	51	178
7	...	7	3	4	5	11	69*c*	79	...	4	2	15	15	28	266	...	...	..	179
3	...	12	4	8	2	5	81*c*	73	1	12	1	...	3	20	200	...	...	..	180
4	...	15	9	4	1	8	98*c*	92	1	4	2	...	...	22	175	25	...	22	181
3	...	12	5	8	7	6	96	96	1	7	2	...	15	13	140	...	21	35	182
4	...	12	3	2	...	10	66	71	...	4	2	..	...	14	150	...	...	12	183
2	...	14	5	4	14	11	94	110	7	14	4	2	...	23	200	...	23	18	184
4	...	8	5	7	9	...	67	...	...	...	...	6	1	9	95	...	30	12	185
5	...	8	8	19	13	3	100	89	2	7	...	...	12	18	125	...	25	16	186
2	...	14	16	...	2	7	79	...	...	7	...	10	...	11	60	...	28	..	187
4	...	12	25	1	8	9	93	84	2	6	2	10	12	17	158	...	...	21	188
2	...	8	12	5	3	...	55	...	1	4	1	5	...	10	100	...	12	..	189
6	...	9	12	12	5	7	153*c*	140	4	12	1	8	22	12	238	...	25	64	190
3	7	...	20	8	3	9	156*c*	148	2	7	2	12	30	26	236	...	15	35	191
60	7	155	144	108	108	98	1493	1273	25	112	21	109	146	287	2938	25	251	336	
...	...	10	9	1	1	...	51	...	...	4	...	...	...	12	115	...	...	20	192
6	...	15	24	...	8	8	231	229	3	4	3	...	14	13	70	...	15	30	193
6		25	33	1	9	8	282	229	3	8	3	...	14	25	185	...	15	50	

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194	Cardiff	1865	1876	L 9	4500	...	...	700	371
195	Cheltenham	1860	1873	F	1400	49	7	600	Free
196	Gloucester	1868	1871	P L	4000	...	...	600	242
197	Plymouth	1861	1864	F	5000	785	...	1200	533
198	Swansea	1862	1877	L 99	6000	1200	...	1200	266
199	Torquay	1864	1872	L 99	4000	...	...	500	375
					28600	2034	7	5500	2187
	LONDON.								
200	Aldershot	1862	1863	F	2800	250	300	750	250
201	Aston Tyrrold	1847	1874	F	500	...	...	150	Free
202	Bournemouth	1857	1866 1878	F *a*	4700	...	350	330	185
203	Brighton—Queen's Road	1845	...	F	2200	...	...	700	600
204	,, —Trinity	1870	1871	...	...	...	...	...	300
205	Canterbury	1877	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
206	Chatham	1839	1874	L 99	750	...	...	600	Free
207	Croydon	1867	1867	F	5000	...	1200	531	300
208	Eastbourne	1878	1878	F	6000	...	...	500	130
209	Gravesend	1868	1879	F	4200	2500	...	700	370
210	Guernsey	1856	1874	F	500	.	...	250	21
211	Ipswich	1868	1869	F	3000	900	...	470	140
212	Jersey	1856	1874	P	2000	...	...	500	265
213	Lewes	1865	1877	F	2000	...	...	350	82
214	London—Belgrave	1846	1872	L 38	...	...	...	400	320
215	,, —Bermondsey	1873	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
216	,, —Bow Road	1869	1872	L	3325	1727	...	468	80
217	,, —Brockley	1877	1878	P	600	...	...	268	115
218	,, —Camberwell	1867	1875	F	5100	1300	...	550	355
219	,, —Camden Road	1857	1862	L	6000	2000	...	...	...
220	,, —Canonbury	1662	1876	L 60	3500	...	...	450	145
221	,, —Clapham Road	1861	1875	F	10000	...	...	1400	953
222	,, —Clapton	1856	1861	F	6000	1900	...	550	258
223	,, —Crouch Hill	1876	1876	F	8000	3332	...	606	330
224	,, —Ealing	1875	1876	L 99	800	...	...	...	...
225	,, —East India Road	1865	1865	L 79	2200	1025	..	350	136
226	,, —Forest Hill	1870	1872	F	4000	...	...	500	440
227	,, —Goldington Crescent... ...	1876	1876	L 68	2000	...	...	500	Free
228	,, —Greenwich	1842	1873	L 68	6650	..	...	825	409
229	,, —Hammersmith	1868	1869	L 90	4500	2854	...	550	360
230	,, —Hampstead	1845	1864	F	4500	...	...	480	376
231	,, —Highbury	1859	1860	L 71	14000	...	...	900	683
232	,, —Islington	1839	1863	L 48	3500	...	...	720	641
	Carried forward	...	...	...	118325	17788	1850	15348	8244

(*a*) Manse, Lease 99 years.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—*continued.*

OFFICE-BEARERS			COMMUNICANTS.						MARRIAGES, &c.			VISITORS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOLARS.							No.
Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No Admitted 1st Time.	No Received by Certificates.	No. Removed by Certificates.	Number lapsed, dead, &c.	Number on Last Revised Roll 1878.	Number on Last Revised Roll 1877.	Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Sch lars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
6	...	25	33	1	9	8	282	229	3	8	3	...	14	25	185	...	15	50	
9	...	18	15	19	...	...	280c	274	6	25	3	...	50	20	157	...	20	84	194
7	3	...	6	15	4	2	177c	198	1	4	2	21	72	20	199	...	..	60	195
3	...	9	8	5	13	2	177c	177	4	13	...	10	...	25	227	...	31	34	196
4	...	7	48	8	...	33	219c	190	4	25	2	22	22	46	720	...	...	...	197
4	...	12	16	16	9	2	151c	127	...	5	2	12	12	33	335	...	31	..	198
3	...	6	8	...	7	...	118c	130	2	4	...	..	...	3	17	...	...	42	199
36	3	77	134	64	42	47	1404	1325	20	84	12	68	170	172	1840	...	97	270	
2	...	15	2	6	...	4	95	...	20	8	4	...	10	21	250	...	12	10	200
3	...	...	3	...	4	4	56	61	..	2	..	6	16	14	122	36	...	40	201
4	...	...	8	7	..	9	101c	115	4	4	3	6	...	13	113	...	...	25	202
4	5	...	...	...	...	...	303	289	10	5	...	...	30	64	574	..	47	50	203
3	...	12	...	...	...	...	120	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	204
...	...	4	...	...	...		40	41	...	1	...	...	...	14	105	..		8	205
4	3	...	...	...	...	...	52	62	3	3	...	...	...	11	120	..		..	206
10	...	13	4	21	9	3	186c	161	2	6	1	6	25	22	148	..		20	207
5	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	2	.	...	...	...	..	..	.	60	208
1	...	6	...	...	...	...	161	161	...	27	2	...	7	15	150	..	..	..	209
2	...	...	8	...	...	11	33	36	...	7	1	...	...	10	53	.	...	.	210
3	...	6	3	5	2	16	86	96	1	5	3	16	12	15	120	..	14		211
3	1	8	13	14	16	13	176	178	1	6	3	13	28	33	246	.	..	205	212
3	2	...	10	...	..	4	77c	71	1	1	4	4	8	12	130	..	..	18	213
6	11	...	16	21	25	56	258c	271	2	11	3	8	24	38	400	...	..	60	214
3	...	7	...	...	..	...	68	106	...	1	...	...	...	32	420	...	..	40	215
3	...	12	3	10	9	25	69	...	...	4	1	...	15	10	186	...	...	10	216
...	...	5	...	...		..	62	...	...	5	...	3	...	18	100	..	..	...	217
6	9	...	17	46	17	20	277	251	2	14	1	12	28	28	295	..	25	22	218
8	14	...	...	...	..	..	295	290	..	...	...	10	60	58	553	..	47	55	219
2	2	9	7	8	5	8	107c	104	..	...	3	..	24	14	113	..	24	.	220
16	...	12	34	88	27	8	820c	750	..	19	5	..	...	66	755	..	60	200	221
3	2	9	7	16	20	2	145	144	..	4	2	12	30	28	178	.	..	42	222
7	...	9	6	31	4	3	134	104	2	15	3	...	...	15	135	..	54	..	223
2	...	6	2	14	5	9	89	87	..	1	...	8	14	12	80	..	.	6	224
4	3	...	5	15	6	13	135c	132	..	..	..	7	..	17	160	..	20	20	225
7	...	13	20	21	15	13	219	236	2	12	2	...	26	21	127	..	45	40	226
...	2	24	151	7	32	43	582	499	7	27	12	40	...	...	..	...	..	36	227
10	11	...	...	...	15	33	360c	378	..	6	3	14	20	37	363	..	...	20	228
5	...	12	2	38	7	11	108c	98	4	9	5	..	36	10	110	...	32	17	229
10	8	...	14	22	24	7	236	231	4	6	3	6	21	17	115	...	30	249	230
14	...	12	30	64	30	36	569	541	8	34	9	15	86	81	831	..	108	76	231
14	13	3	...	...	...	...	506	502	5	22	.	...	52	31	375	297	73	70	232
167	86	197	365	454	272	351	6555	5995	78	267	73	186	572	777	7427	333	591	1399	

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CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCHES.

No.	Congregations.	Date.	Date of Minister's Ordination or Induction.	Tenure.	Amount Insured.	Debt.		Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Number of Sittings Let.
						Church.	Manse.		
					£	£	£		
	Brought forward	...	...	...	118325	17788	1850	15348	8244
233	London—Kensington	1862	1876	L	6000	...	...	700	190
234	,, —Kentish Town	1869	1872	L 64	2000	1400	...	700	...
235	,, —Kingston-on-Thames... ...	1874	1875	L 7	600	...	...	250	100
236	,, —Marylebone	1844	1870	L 93	12000	6450	...	1575	1147
237	,, —Millwall	1862	1872	L 80	1000	...	...	300	110
238	,, —New Barnet	1870	1877	F	2000	575	...	290	104
239	,, —Notting Hill	1872	1872	F	9000	...	...	870	614
240	,, *—Oxendon	1737	1873	F	5000	1800	...	490	200
241	,, —Regent Square	1822	1869	F	15000	...	...	998	921
242	,, —Richmond	1877	1878	F	...	..	...	...	...
243	,, —St. John's Wood	1853	1872	F	7000	...	...	839	790
244	,, —South Kensington	1872	1873	F	7000	4000	...	800	391
245	,, —Southwark	1845	1846	L	2000	...	...	...	...
246	,, —Stepney	1844	1877	L 37	3000	300	...	750	213
247	,, —Stratford	1863	1877	F	4500	2000	...	...	300
248	,, —Streatham	1875	1876	F	4800	1800	...	389	126
249	,, —Tottenham	1864	1865	F	2600	...	...	450	157
250	,, —Upper Norwood	1874	1874	L	6000	...	...	520	290
251	,, —Victoria Docks	1874	1874	L 94	3500	...	...	400	...
252	,, —Wandsworth	1872	1877	F	6000	200	...	600	206
253	,, —Westbourne Grove	1861	1871	F	2200	...	...	...	...
254	,, —Whitfield	1873	1877	L 28	1000	...	...	700	130
255	,, —Willesden	1875	1875	L 96	4000	...	...	400	270
256	,, —Wood Green	1875	...	F	4000	3666	...	500	69
257	,, —Woolwich, New Road ...	1839	1876	F	5000	1650	...	1100	821
258	,, ,, St. Andrew's ...	1861	1862	L 93	2100	867	...	478	...
259	Maidstone	1861	...	F	800	...	...	600	38
260	Norwich	1867	1859	F	3000	1810	...	650	...
261	Portsmouth	1859	1876	L 999	1000	...	...	586	298
262	Reading	1876	1876	L 7	...	...	...	350	240
263	Silverhill, Hastings	1855	1877	F	...	300	...	300	107
264	Singapore	...	1875	...	...	...	...	...	...
265	Southampton—St. Andrew's	1849	1855	F	4000	...	...	700	350
266	,, —Totton	1876	1876	F	500	...	...	200	47
267	,, —Woolston	1874	...	F	4000	630	...	400	220
			...						
					248925	45236	1850	33233	16693

* New Church opened, April, 1878.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—*continued.*

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Elders.	Deacons.	Managers.	No. Admitted 1st Time.	No. Received by Certificates.	No. Removed by Certificates.	Number lapsed, dead, &c.	Number on Last Revised Roll. 1878.	Number on Last Revised Roll. 1877.	Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	District Visitors.	Members of Dorcas Society.	Sabbath-School Teachers.	Sabbath Scholars.	Scholars in Day Schools.	Young Men's Societies.	Bible Classes.	
167	86	197	365	454	272	351	6555	5995	78	267	73	186	572	777	7427	333	591	1399	
...	6	...	16	26	12	3	154	123	2	6	1	10	27	18	101	..	.	..	233
3	...	7	...	...	...	..	136	125	...	...	...	..	...	16	160	..	..	35	234
3	1	...	12	1	...	9	55*c*	58	...	3	...	..	7	10	100	..	..	..	235
12	15	...	48	60	48	72	904*c*	916	3	9	7	..	25	60	736	..	60	68	236
7	4	...	5	15	4	4	134*c*	127	...	8	1	3	11	25	379	..	..	21	237
4	...	7	9	6	9	..	50	44	...	6	...	..	14	9	80	..	..	25	238
11	9	...	90	5	3	64	416	388	5	10	12	17	20	42	538	.	..	16	239
5	...	12	21	39	12	6	140	...	2	6	2	..	..	25	150	..	..	50	240
21	17	...	16	65	47	20	664*c*	644	...	21	5	38	63	116	1445	..	84	..	241
...	...	...	2	11	...	1	40	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	242
8	...	11	13	45	...	64	427*c*	436	1	12	7	6	30	27	200	..	..	90	243
2	...	12	...	...	...	..	257	242	...	...	...	...	..	21	160	...	...	30	244
15	...	8	...	...	...	.	183	184	...	...	...	4	..	16	130	..	20	18	245
8	9	...	39	20	8	6	296	251	6	14	6	...	22	22	252	..	38	62	246
5	...	14	26	10	4	6	158	132	...	10	...	...	20	32	200	..	30	..	247
4	...	3	1	22	...	5	76	58	...	5	1	10	..	11	89	..	...	36	248
6	4	...	7	14	6	17	106	108	11	9	1	7	20	20	172	85	54	22	249
4	...	10	5	38	12	8	143	...	2	7	4	8	..	..	...	...	..	22	250
...	...	7	7	16	4	3	110	94	1	6	...	3	..	20	336	...	..	24	251
5	4	...	3	12	...	17	146	147	...	7	2	3	27	14	153	...	28	..	252
7	...	12	...	...	...	..	220	224	1	5	..	...	..	24	159	...	22	10	253
6	...	...	56	6	10	80	260	288	2	6	2	3	20	25	259	130	70	40	254
5	9	...	6	9	8	1	131	125	1	15	1	8	18	14	150	..	...	22	255
3	...	...	1	12	1	12	56	...	...	2	...	2	14	6	80	...	..	..	256
4	4	...	7	19	5	2	253	234	3	39	2	11	40	37	364	451	31	77	257
6	...	12	29	22	7	..	320*c*	313	5	...	..	8	6	26	240	...	..	..	258
1	...	7	...	...	...	..	40	...	...	..	..	6	..	5	50	...	..	..	259
4	6	...	38	5	...	..	213*c*	220	2	12	..	7	..	14	90	150	40	50	260
5	3	8	11	13	2	6	219*c*	201	...	14	1	...	..	32	182	...	..	..	261
5	...	10	37	9	8	3	166*c*	152	...	11	1	...	..	11	70	...	30	40	262
3	...	8	2	4	..	..	53	47	3	1	..	...	..	17	180	...	..	14	263
...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	.	...	...	..	..	264
9	11	...	...	...	..	..	407	421	8	28	10	12	42	30	300	...	35	27	265
4	...	...	1	...	..	2	32	50	...	3	2	...	..	9	80	..	..	...	266
...	...	10	2	25	18	2	107	100	6	22	1	4	35	12	175	..	..	40	267
342	188	355	875	983	500	768	13627	12447	142	564	142	356	1033	1543	15187	1149	1133	2238	

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SUMMARY.—I. CONGREGATIONAL.

Presbyteries.	Churches: Number of Congregations.	Churches: Amount Insured.	Churches: Debt. Church.	Churches: Debt. Manse.	Churches: Number of Sittings Church Seated for.	Churches: Number of Sittings Let.	Office-Bearers. Elders.	Office-Bearers. Deacons.	Office-Bearers. Managers.	Communicants. No. Admitted 1st Time.	Communicants. No. Received by Certificates.	Communicants. No. Removed by Certificates.	Communicants. Number lapsed, dead, &c.	Communicants. Number on Last Revised Roll. 1878.	Communicants. Number on Last Revised Roll. 1877.	Marriages &c. Marriages.	Marriages &c. Baptisms.	Marriages &c. Deaths.	Visitors, Teachers, and Scholars. District Visitors.	Visitors, Teachers, and Scholars. Members of Dorcas Society.	Visitors, Teachers, and Scholars. Sabbath-School Teachers.	Visitors, Teachers, and Scholars. Sabbath Scholars.	Visitors, Teachers, and Scholars. Scholars in Day Schools.	Visitors, Teachers, and Scholars. Young Men's Societies.	Visitors, Teachers, and Scholars. Bible Classes.
		£	£	£																					
Berwick	16	18250	1327	980	7425	4264	102	48	92	167	474	452	122	4170	3962	42	234	78	109	51	161	1339	313	45	341
Northumberland ..	25	17000	135	335	9923	4960	125	47	150	167	364	412	139	4405	4177	34	278	74	81	..	190	1622	437	70	157
Newcastle-upon-Tyne ..	43	85800	16479	164	20080	10460	300	101	355	699	631	424	471	10389	9818	67	746	146	287	279	1065	9380	625	365	1046
Carlisle	12	11100	15	268	4371	2297	50	18	79	87	132	88	137	1676	1770	26	167	32	80	29	193	1593	90	89	213
Darlington	19	37140	14928	2088	8610	1974	105	39	154	190	179	136	249	2872	2721	38	192	28	125	79	484	3572	..	151	508
Liverpool	31	114150	16815	450	18993	10268	196	53	302	480	672	389	598	8946	8771	62	489	118	269	307	991	9909	2193	524	821
Manchester	30	98650	7504	..	16413	8121	174	81	268	406	380	297	233	5153	4475	75	411	51	262	235	682	6475	2629	700	713
Birmingham	15	32516	6780	354	7173	1886	60	7	155	144	108	108	98	1493	1273	25	112	21	109	146	287	2938	25	251	336
Bristol	8	28600	2034	7	5500	2187	36	3	77	134	64	42	47	1404	1325	20	84	12	68	170	172	1840	..	97	270
London	68	248925	45236	1850	33233	16693	342	188	355	875	983	500	768	13627	12447	142	564	142	356	1033	1543	15187	1149	1133	2238
	267	692131	111253	6496	131721	63110	1490	585	1987	3349	3987	2848	2862	54135	50739	531	3277	702	1746	2329	5768	53855	7461	3425	6643

PART II.—FINANCIAL.

PART II.—

No.	Congregations.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES. Income for Congregational Purposes. Seat Rents.	Collections, &c	Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.	Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.	Thanksgiving Fund.
	PRESBYTERIES. BERWICK.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Ancroft Moor	49	33	...	82	...	82	*a*155*	71 6 9	0 15 0	...	...
2	Beaumont Union	99	28	...	127	...	127	200*	121 5 11	1 6 0	...	...
3	Belford—Columba ...	65	32	...	97	3	100	200*	105 0 0	0 15 0	...	...
4	,, —Erskine... ...	90	57	7	154	...	154	200*	140 0 0	1 0 0	...	...
5	Berwick—Bank Hill ...	96	104	5	205	145	350	200*	200 0 0	1 6 0	...	1 0 0
6	,, —Church St. ...	...	272	25	297	...	297	200	...	1 4 0	...	...
7	,, —Wallace Green..	446	213	403	1062	171	1233	*b*338	55 19 6	4 0 0	55 19 6	...
8	Chatton	92	60	...	152	...	152	200*	160 0 0	1 0 0	...	...
9	Crookham	87	42	...	129	76	205	200	120 0 0	1 2 0	...	...
10	Etal...	90	21	14	125	...	125	200*	112 5 4	1 4 0	...	...
11	Horncliffe	68	33	...	101	...	101	*a*200*	105 15 1	...	...	...
12	Lowick	65	46	4	115	26	141	*a*200*	105 0 0	1 2 0	...	...
13	Norham—North Church...	72	36	...	108	...	108	200	107 0 0	1 0 0	..	...
14	,, —South Church...	70	29	...	99	...	99	200	105 0 0	0 16 0	...	...
15	Spittal	154	103	12	269	210	479	200*	..	1 6 0	...	...
16	Tweedmouth	75	33	81	189	...	189	200	105 0 0	0 18 0	...	...
	Miscellaneous... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
		1618	1142	551	3311	631	3942	3293	1613 12 7	18 14 0	55 19 6	1 0 0
	NORTHUMBERLAND.											
17	Alnwick—Clayport St. ...	102	129	10	241	17	258	200*	...	4 14 0	...	...
18	,, —Lisburn St. ...	71	101	5	177	...	177	200*	132 0 0	3 0 0	...	...
19	,, —St. James's ...	129	103	...	232	...	232	200*	170 0 0	4 18 0	...	2 2 0
20	Bavington	73	45	...	118	...	118	200*	106 16 0	2 1 0	...	...
21	Bedlington...	61	42	...	103	...	103	200	105 0 0	...	...	...
22	Birdhopecraig	66	72	5	143	14	157	200*	120 0 0	2 8 0	...	...
23	Branton	108	22	10	140	31	171	240	156 0 0	4 9 0	...	5 0 0
24	Embleton	94	27	...	121	...	121	200	130 0 0	...	...	...
25	Felton	62	63	...	125	...	125	200	110 0 0	2 11 0	...	...
26	Glanton	120	70	...	190	...	190	200*	160 0 0	4 19 0	...	...
27	Harbottle	99	25	3	127	...	127	200*	120 15 0	3 16 0	...	...
28	Longframlington	24	37	..	61	...	61	155*	60 0 0	1 7 0	...	...
29	Morpeth	174	202	60	436	14	450	*b*210*	212 10 0	4 16 0	12 10 0	...
30	Newbiggin...	29	80	...	109	1	110	200	105 0 0	1 16 0	...	...
31	North Middleton	56	34	...	90	98	188	198	95 0 0	2 0 0	...	45 0 0
32	Nth Sunderland—East Ch.	38	28	...	66	...	66	155*	61 0 0	...	...	...
33	,, —West Ch	62	101	21	184	4	188	200*	140 0 0	3 13 0	...	...
34	Otterburn	75	124	...	199	...	199	200*	157 10 0	3 3 0	...	...
35	Thropton	74	47	...	121	...	121	*a*200*	112 1 2	2 11 0	...	...
36	Warenford...	83	41	2	126	...	126	200*	121 10 9	3 7 0	...	...
37	Warkworth	77	53	1	131	18	149	200	125 0 0	3 3 0	...	...
38	Widdrington	52	71	...	123	...	123	200	105 0 0	2 19 0	...	...
39	Wooler—Cheviot Street ...	132	82	6	220	9	229	225	195 0 0	5 0 0	...	...
40	,, —Tower Hill ...	56	72	..	128	...	128	200*	113 0 0	2 11 0	...	...
41	,, —West Chapel ...	18	9	...	27	...	27	200*	145 18 0	3 9 0	...	2 17 7
		1935	1680	123	3738	206	3944	4983	3059 19 1	72 11 0	12 10 0	54 19 7

* Manse. (*a*) Minister pays interest. (*b*) For part of year.

FINANCIAL.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.

Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Schools.	Total. 1878.	Total. 1877.	United Presbyterian Church, 1878.	Grand Total. 1878.	Grand Total. 1877.	No.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d	£ s. d.	£ s. d	
0 10 0	0 18 3	...	...	...	1 1 6	2 9 9	2 11 0	...	84 9 9	59 11 0	1
2 8 9	4 17 6	1 9 3	...	0 19 6	...	9 15 0	16 7 0	...	136 15 0	153 7 0	2
1 4 3	2 13 11	...	..	...	...	3 18 2	8 4 0	...	103 18 2	121 4 0	3
1 5 0	6 1 0	...	...	...	...	7 6 0	7 5 0	..	161 6 0	312 5 0	4
1 10 0	15 19 0	...	...	1 0 0	...	19 9 0	22 2 0	...	369 9 0	275 2 0	5
...	17 8 9	1 16 6	...	...	...	19 5 3	11 4 0	7 18 6	324 3 9	302 4 0	6
23 18 6	70 0 0	...	16 0 0	8 2 11	11 7 10	185 8 9	214 9 0	97 12 0	1516 0 9	1489 9 0	7
1 0 0	4 0 0	0 14 0	...	...	..	5 14 0	3 15 0	...	157 14 0	163 15 0	8
0 17 0	3 8 2	1 0 0	0 15 6	1 0 0	1 0 0	8 0 8	7 7 0	..	213 0 8	171 7 0	9
...	1 0 0	...	...	..	...	1 0 0	2 17 0	...	126 0 0	124 17 0	10
..	4 18 6	...	...	...	1 10 6	6 9 0	11 8 0	...	107 9 0	112 8 0	11
...	0 14 6	...	0 7 6	...	...	1 2 0	3 14 0	...	142 2 0	125 14 0	12
...	2 18 3	...	...	...	...	2 18 3	5 8 0	...	110 18 3	123 8 0	13
1 0 0	6 11 10	1 0 0	...	...	...	8 11 10	2 0 0	...	107 11 10	2 0 0	14
1 13 0	2 9 4	...	..	...	...	4 2 4	12 17 0	1 0 0	484 2 4	319 17 0	15
...	...	...	...	...	0 9 0	0 9 0	...	...	189 9 0	104 0 0	16
2 7 1	...	...	...	...	...	2 7 1	2 3 0	...	2 7 1	2 3 0	
37 13 7	143 19 0	5 19 9	17 3 0	11 2 5	15 8 10	288 6 1	333 11 0	106 10 6	4336 16 7	3962 11 0	
...	15 13 9	1 17 0	...	1 3 6	...	18 14 3	11 14 0	26 0 0	302 14 3	389 14 0	17
4 6 6	7 6 0	...	...	...	...	11 12 6	19 7 0	...	188 12 6	200 7 0	18
1 0 0	3 12 0	0 15 0	...	1 1 0	...	8 10 0	8 13 0	...	240 10 0	233 13 0	19
...	10 3 10	...	...	0 16 6	1 2 0	12 2 4	13 8 0	...	130 2 4	137 8 0	20
...	6 15 5	...	...	...	...	6 15 5	7 11 0	...	109 15 5	130 11 0	21
...	8 5 11	...	...	...	..	8 5 11	9 14 0	...	165 5 11	148 14 0	22
...	3 15 0	...	...	...	1 10 9	10 5 9	22 11 0	...	181 5 9	207 11 0	23
1 3 6	...	...	1 0 0	...	..	2 3 6	6 2 0	...	123 3 6	143 2 0	24
1 0 0	...	..	...	...	...	1 0 0	3 1 0	...	126 0 0	154 1 0	25
13 3 0	5 6 10	1 15 6	...	1 15 6	...	22 0 10	14 0 0	...	212 0 10	282 0 0	26
1 0 1	1 0 2	1 0 0	...	2 7 0	...	5 7 3	6 9 0	...	132 7 3	148 9 0	27
0 12 0	1 7 1	0 10 0	...	0 10 0	...	2 19 1	3 2 0	...	63 19 1	64 2 0	28
6 0 0	16 19 0	5 0 0	2 11 1	6 0 0	...	49 0 1	79 11 0	...	499 0 1	512 11 0	29
...	0 16 0	...	...	...	...	0 16 0	2 3 0	...	110 16 0	115 3 0	30
...	2 11 4	...	...	...	...	47 11 4	...	..	235 11 4	197 0 0	31
...	3 17 0	...	...	...	...	3 17 0	...	...	69 17 0	192 0 0	32
...	5 1 0	...	...	...	...	5 1 0	1 2 0	7 0 0	200 1 0	64 2 0	33
5 0 0	6 18 0	2 4 6	...	...	...	14 2 6	25 3 0	...	213 2 6	212 3 0	34
1 12 6	2 1 1	1 10 8	...	1 14 0	...	6 18 3	6 3 0	...	127 18 3	120 3 0	35
1 13 9	2 17 6	1 0 6	1 10 0	1 7 0	...	8 8 9	33 4 0	...	134 8 9	179 4 0	36
...	1 11 0	...	...	...	...	1 11 0	3 16 0	...	150 11 0	164 16 0	37
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	123 0 0	120 0 0	38
1 13 6	2 0 0	...	...	1 0 0	...	4 13 6	9 7 0	5 0 0	238 13 6	9 7 0	39
...	0 17 0	...	...	1 1 0	...	1 18 0	6 1 0	...	129 18 0	151 1 0	40
...	3 0 0	...	...	1 8 2	1 5 2	8 10 11	5 6 0	...	35 10 11	5 6 0	41
38 4 10	111 14 11	15 13 2	5 1 1	20 3 8	3 17 11	262 5 2	297 8 0	38 0 0	4244 5 2	4282 8 0	

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		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Newcastle-upon-Tyne.											
42	Bellingham	69	109	5	183	...	183	200	157 10 0	3 0 0	...	...
43	Blackhill	52	214	...	266	1613	879	200*	16 0 0	3 0 0	16 0 0	...
44	Blyth—Bridge Street ...	50	51	...	101	...	101	200	145 0 0	2 0 0	...	...
45	,, —Waterloo Road ...	106	268	16	390	...	390	205*	3 3 0	3 0 0	3 3 0	...
46	Durham	49	90	5	144	...	144	208	146 0 0	1 10 0	...	...
47	Falstone	135	25	3	163	64	227	200*	150 0 0	2 10 0	..	...
48	Gateshead—Durham Road	165	387	12	564	79	643	250	...	3 0 0	...	...
49	,, —Ellison Street	91	145	4	240	..	240	200	...	3 0 0	...	...
50	Gosforth	59	217	...	276	...	276	210	6 2 6	1 10 0	6 2 6	100 0 0
51	Hebburn	83	140	...	223	12	235	205	156 0 0	2 0 0	...	...
52	Hexham	...	288	12	300	...	300	200*	215 0 0	3 0 0	15 0 0	3 5 6
53	Houghton-le-Spring ...	55	77	...	132	...	132	200	157 10 0	...	...	...
54	Jarrow—Ellison Street ...	150	358	43	551	...	551	300	5 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0	...
55	,, —Wear Street ...	9	138	..	147	...	147	155	105 0 0	...	...	...
56	Killingworth	22	63	...	85	...	85	200	105 0 0	1 10 0	...	...
57	Newcastle—Barras Bridge	179	585	23	787	...	787	520	31 9 4	4 0 0	31 9 4	...
58	,, —Blackett Street	302	427	214	943	41	984	450	...	9 0 0	45 17 2	7 2 0
59	,, —Byker	41	129	...	170	14	184	178	...	1 10 0	...	...
60	,, —Erskine Church	55	164	6	225	8	233	210	205 0 0	3 0 0	...	...
61	,, —John Knox ...	251	229	260	740	9	749	400	264 2 6	7 0 0	64 2 6	7 5 0
62	,, —Park Road ...	...	215	5	220	7	227	200	160 0 0	2 10 0	...	...
63	,, —St. George's ...	131	300	44	475	120	595	300	14 13 9	6 0 0	14 13 9	...
64	,, —Trinity	342	441	182	965	597	1562	600	268 2 0	9 0 0	68 2 0	509 8 6
65	,, —Westmorland Rd.	249	376	33	658	82	740	400	50 2 3	7 0 0	50 2 3	...
66	North Shields—Howard St	187	295	24	506	18	524	350*	222 10 0	6 0 0	22 10 0	...
67	,, —Northumbrlnd. Sq	187	313	70	570	166	736	350	43 11 0	6 0 0	43 11 0	5 0 0
68	Seaton Burn	32	60	...	92	...	92	150	96 15 0	1 10 0	...	...
69	Seaton Delaval	57	31	...	88	22	110	200	126 4 3	1 10 0	...	...
70	South Shields—East Street	75	189	12	276	487	763	190	2 0 0	3 0 0	2 0 0	...
71	,, —Laygate ...	...	488	31	519	26	545	375*	44 14 7	6 0 0	44 14 7	500 0 0
72	,, —Mile End Rd.	85	261	70	416	...	416	250	...	3 0 0	...	...
73	,, —St. John's ...	184	236	43	463	84	547	300	...	4 0 0	...	...
74	Stamfordham	46	58	...	104	...	104	200	87 0 2	1 10 0	...	...
	Sunderland—											
75	,, —North Bridge St.	88	231	18	337	128	465	284*	215 19 3	4 0 0	15 19 3	12 8 0
76	,, —St. George's ...	186	350	129	665	233	898	400	243 3 3	7 0 0	43 3 3	38 13 6
77	,, —St. Stephen's ...	52	200	2	254	...	254	210	110 0 0	2 0 0	...	...
78	,, —Smyrna... ...	62	178	15	255	143	398	300	177 10 0	1 0 0	...	10 0 0
79	,, —Trinity... ...	200	323	107	630	227	857	375	30 0 0	6 0 0	30 0 0	...
80	Swalwell	40	44	2	86	...	86	185	84 0 0	1 10 0	...	...
81	Walker	85	200	17	302	559	861	204*	200 0 0	3 0 0	...	129 15 0
82	Wallsend	53	158	...	211	...	211	... *	Vacant	1 10 0	...	150 0 0
83	Wark	34	71	...	105	...	105	168	95 0 0	1 10 0	...	9 17 6
84	Willington Quay	38	133	...	171	370	541	208	120 0 0	1 10 0	...	300 0 0
	Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52 10 0	1 10 0	...	29 8 6
		4336	9255	1407	14998	5109	20107	11090	4559 9 11	147 0 0	521 10 7	1812 3 6
	Carlisle.											
85	Bewcastle	20	43	...	63	...	63	150	111 10 0	1 15 0	...	...
86	Brampton	21	64	2	87	19	106	155	75 0 4	1 8 0	...	...
87	Carlisle—Fisher Street ...	200	333	91	624	27	651	350*	62 2 6	4 5 0	62 2 6	5 0 0
88	,, —Warwick Road...	...	322	17	339	111	450	240*	205 10 0	2 12 0	5 10 0	5 0 0
	Carried forward ...	241	762	110	1113	157	1270	895	454 2 10	10 0 0	67 12 6	10 0 0

* Manse. (*a*) Minister pays interest.

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		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward ...	241	762	110	1113	157	1270	895	454 2 10	10 0 0	67 12 6	10 0 0
89	Cleator Moor	62	104	...	166	...	166	200	155 0 0	2 0 0	...	...
90	Haltwhistle	45	27	...	72	..	72	155*	60 0 0	1 5 0	...	...
91	Maryport—Crosby Street .	69	72	12	153	2	155	200	126 0 0	1 15 0	...	2 10 0
92	,, —John Street ...	38	48	3	89	...	89	105	105 1 7	1 12 0	...	...
93	Penrith	32	95	22	149	...	149	200(a)	152 19 11	2 0 0	...	14 0 0
94	Whitehaven—High Street	45	70	...	115	31	146	171‡	105 0 4	1 12 0	...	..
95	,, —Market Pl...	130	227	9	366	47	413	260	212 0 0	2 12 0	12 0 0	8 10 6
96	Workington	46	64	3	113	..	113	200	105 0 0	1 12 0	...	...
	Miscellaneous ...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		708	1469	159	2336	237	2573	2386	1475 4 8	24 8 0	79 12 6	35 0 6
	DARLINGTON.											
97	Bishop Auckland	...	53	49	102	...	102	200*	200 0 0	2 5 0	...	...
98	Crook	67	61	4	132	8	140	300*	110 0 0	1 10 0	...	2 0 0
99	Darlington...	117	239	...	356	115	471	300	210 0 0	3 0 0	10 0 0	...
100	Grimsby	47	101	...	148	28	176	200	46 13 8	1 15 0	...	...
101	Harrogate	...	327	...	327	...	327	251	...	1 15 0	...	...
102	Hartlepool...	79	89	10	178	5	183	200	155 0 0	2 5 0	...	...
103	Hull—Holderness Road ...	...	312	36	348	...	348	150‡	...	...	...	200 0 0
104	,, —Prospect Street ...	...	316	1038	1354	6	1360	...	11 8 10	3 0 0	11 8 10	250 0 0
105	,, —Spring Bank ...	...	227	5	232	...	232	†104‡	108 10 0	2 0 0	...	200 0 0
	Middlesborough—											
106	Newport Road ...	62	135	17	214	...	214	200*	...	...	...	..
107	Trinity	82	150	12	244	110	354	250	200 0 0	2 5 0	...	...
108	Mount Pleasant	46	82	12	140	75	215	200*	120 0 0	2 5 0	...	...
109	Redcar	61	142	...	203	...	203	210	95 15 9	2 0 0	...	...
110	Stockton—St. Andrew's ...	110	136	10	256	...	256	250*	210 0 0	2 5 0	10 0 0	14 0 0
111	,, —St. George's ...	109	519	12	640	38	678	250	205 0 0	2 5 0	5 0 0	...
112	Towlaw	...	77	5	82	64	146	200*	105 0 0	1 10 0	...	101 18 10
113	West Hartlepool	38	64	1	103	2	105	208	105 0 0	2 5 0	...	..
114	Whitby—Trinity	65	193	3	261	...	261	200	56 0 0	1 15 0	...	...
115	York	...	...	...	...	672	672	335	...	1 15 0	...	...
		883	3223	1214	5320	1123	6443	4008	1938 8 3	35 15 0	36 8 10	767 18 10
	LIVERPOOL.											
116	Barrow-in-Furness ...	254	180	35	469	301	770	250	...	5 6 5	...	...
117	Birkenhead—Claughton ...	545	321	...	866	490	1356	700	400 0 0	15 0 0	200 0 0	37 0 0
118	,, —Grange Road	388	278	266	932	724	1656	500	60 3 6	11 10 0	60 3 6	...
119	,, —Hamilton ..	100	168	70	338	191	529	200*	202 10 0	1 10 0	2 10 0	9 4 6
120	,, —St. Andrew's	331	254	146	731	...	731	571	267 0 0	11 10 0	67 0 0	...
121	,, —St. Paul's ...	152	192	22	366	213	579	188‖	205 0 0	2 5 0	5 0 0	...
122	Chester	133	208	20	361	...	361	250	104 5 10	2 0 0	...	...
123	Douglas	96	175	16	287	11	298	200	205 0 0	2 5 0	5 0 0	...
124	Egremont	368	385	550	1303	8	1311	500	240 0 0	11 10 0	40 0 0	...
125	Liverpool—Canning Street	556	191	101	848	220	1068	800	349 0 3	15 0 0	149 0 3	90 10 0
126	,, —Derby Road ...	646	277	409	1332	...	1332	600	50 0 0	15 0 0	50 0 0	...
127	,, —Everton Valley.	510	255	179	944	301	1245	550	250 0 0	8 10 0	50 0 0	...
128	,, —Fairfield ...	346	433	...	779	94	873	600	300 0 0	8 10 0	100 0 0	217 10 0
129	,, —Hyslop Street...	...	69	...	69	2	71	400	200 0 0	2 5 0	...	...
130	,, —Islington ...	482	182	82	746	1097	1843	550*	32 12 0	11 10 0	32 12 0	...
131	,, —Mount Pleasant	450	397	426	1273	378	1651	700	154 4 7	15 0 0	...	668 5 0
	Carried forward ...	5357	3965	2322	11644	4030	15674	7559	3019 16 2	133 11 5	761 5 9	1022 9 6

* Manse. ‡ For portion of year. ‖ Three quarters of year, owing to change in Congregational year.
(a) £20 allowed for house.

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		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward ...	5357	3965	2322	11644	4030	15674	7559	3019 16 2	133 11 5	761 5 9	1022 9 6
132	Liverpool—Prince's Rd. ...	224	260	32	516	140	656	250	205 0 0	2 5 0	5 0 0	...
133	,, —Queen's Road ...	415	400	72	887	120	1007	500	210 0 0	6 10 0	10 0 0	...
134	,, —Shaw Street ...	142	175	32	349	27	376	200	200 0 0	2 5 0	...	...
135	,, —St. George's ...	364	323	28	715	55	770	500*	220 0 0	5 0 0	20 0 0	...
136	,, —St. Peter's ...	187	276	45	508	...	508	150*	200 0 0	5 0 0	...	...
137	,, —Trinity... ...	226	42	173	441	25	466	405	250 0 0	5 0 0	50 0 0	...
138	,, —Union	...	290	49	339	47	386	218	...	...	...	...
139	,, —Vauxhall Road	...	114	...	114	2	116	200	117 15 3	1 0 0	...	...
140	Parkgate	...	203	6	209	...	209	221	179 0 5	1 10 0	...	..
141	Ramsey	37	112	...	149	32	181	200	94 13 4	1 0 0	...	...
142	Rockferry	298	232	291	821	...	821	522	255 14 9	7 10 0	55 14 9	260 0 0
143	St. Helen's...	85	175	14	274	85	359	205*	200 0 0	1 10 0	...	10 0 0
144	Southport	192	185	29	406	...	406	400	210 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0	...
145	Sutton	46	34	...	80	...	80	200	120 0 0	...	...	...
146	Waterloo	225	160	55	440	...	440	300	202 12 6	2 5 0	2 12 6	...
	Miscellaneous ...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		7798	6946	3148	17892	4563	22455	12030	5684 12 5	184 6 5	914 13 0	1292 9 6
	Manchester.											
147	Blackburn—Mount St. ...	87	114	1	202	10	212	200	149 15 11	3 10 0	...	...
148	,, St. George's...	471	285	281	1037	766	1803	400	30 0 0	7 10 0	30 0 0	...
149	Bolton	195	214	70	479	...	479	300	210 0 0	3 0 0	10 0 0	...
150	Bradford	206	129	...	335	...	335	175†	157 10 9	6 0 0	...	...
151	Crewe	42	42	3	87	...	87	200	106 0 0	1 10 0	...	...
152	Leeds—Hanover Square ...	116	101	28	245	1053	1298	250	...	3 0 0	...	..
153	,, —St. Columba's ...	75	156	5	236	5	241	155	125 0 0	3 0 0	...	1 0 0
154	Manchester—Ancoats ...	...	359	7	366	...	366	279	150 0 0	2 0 0	...	...
155	,, —Bowden ...	...	526	20	546	...	546	350	26 0 0	5 10 0	26 0 0	...
156	,, —Brunswick St. ...	410	418	129	957	32	989	500a	47 16 3	8 0 7	47 16 3	149 1 8
157	,, —Coupland St. ...	...	840	271	1111	...	1111	450	32 14 3	8 0 0	32 14 3	...
158	,, —Eccles	20	98	...	118	298	416	110	...	...	...	...
159	,, —Grosvenor Sq. ...	492	436	389	1317	...	1317	600	336 10 0	11 0 0	136 10 0	50 0 0
160	,, —HigherBroughton	193	408	73	674	100	774	500	...	9 0 0	...	...
161	,, —Longsight ...	201	327	13	541	29	570	409	262 10 0	6 0 0	12 10 0	...
162	,, —Pendleton ...	123	357	27	507	200	707	300	...	5 10 0	...	135 0 0
163	,, —St. Andrew's ...	345	429	151	925	...	925	500	250 0 0	7 10 0	50 0 0	95 5 0
164	,, —Sale	194	416	46	656	133	789	450	205 0 0	7 10 0	5 0 0	133 6 0
165	,, —Salford	146	269	46	461	...	461	350‡	...	3 0 0	...	...
166	,, —Trinity	477	245	141	863	...	863	500	274 4 3	9 0 0	74 4 3	5 10 0
167	,, —Whalley Range...	75	417	4	496	...	496	350	...	3 0 0	...	...
168	,, —Withington ...	407	301	240	948	...	948	500	63 6 0	7 10 0	63 6 0	236 0 0
169	Preston	61	131	10	202	200	402	260	...	...	...	...
170	Ramsbottom	186	175	25	386	25	411	265	200 0 0	3 0 0	...	...
171	Risley	4	69	...	73	6	79	150	73 15 2	1 0 0	...	...
172	Rochdale	160	236	7	403	2303	2706	300	...	5 0 0	...	2187 0 8
173	Sheffield	164	138	46	348	62	410	250	205 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0	...
174	Warrington	52	114	5	171	110	281	200	140 0 0	1 0 0	...	...
175	Wharton	50	84	5	...	163	302	200*	105 0 0	1 10 0	...	...
176	Wigan	82	280	...	139	..	362	200	186 0 0	...	...	...
	Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	362	...	...	...	88 15 0	1 0 0	...	29 19 0
		5034	8114	2043	15191	5495	20686	9658	3424 17 7	135 10 7	493 0 9	3022 2 4

(a) With £50 Senior Ministers half-year's Retiring Allowance before his Death.

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FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

No.	Congregations.	Congregational Finances. Income for Congregational Purposes. Seat Rents.	Collections, &c.	Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.	Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund. £ s. d.	Synod Fund. £ s. d.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving. £ s. d.	Thanksgiving Fund. £ s. d.
	Birmingham.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£				
177	Birmingham—Broad Street	124	244	31	399	88	487	250	205 0 0	4 16 0	5 0 0	...
178	,, —Camp Hill ...	168	427	48	643	...	643	350	215 0 0	4 16 0	15 0 0	...
179	,, —New John St.	60	39	12	111	79	190	200	80 0 0	2 0 0	...	...
180	,, —Smethwick...	...	154	2	156	30	186	208	105 0 0	2 0 0	...	340 0 0
181	Burton-on-Trent	94	206	10	310	...	310	200	5 5 0	2 10 6	5 5 0	...
182	Derby	93	253	6	352	...	352	300	200 0 0	2 10 6	...	...
183	Dudley	50	143	8	201	...	201	200	156 0 0	2 10 6	...	...
184	Hanley	72	147	13	232	5	237	200	180 0 0	2 0 0	...	4 0 0
185	Leicester	100	117	11	228	99	327	*230	...	2 10 0	...	75 0 0
186	Nottingham	132	348	30	510	...	510	300	205 0 0	2 10 6	5 0 0	101 14 0
187	Shrewsbury	37	73	10	120	124	244	140	140 0 0	2 10 6	...	50 0 0
188	Stafford	75	166	4	245	18	263	200	205 0 0	2 10 6	5 0 0	...
189	Walsall	...	315	3	318	...	318	†169	...	1 13 6	...	...
190	Wolverhampton	159	361	26	546	...	546	*300	...	2 10 6	...	79 10 0
191	Worcester	184	116	50	350	...	350	200	200 0 0	2 10 6	...	...
		1348	3109	264	4721	443	5164	3447	1896 5 0	39 19 6	35 5 0	650 4 0
	Bristol.											
192	Aberdare	...	45	...	45	50	95	200	111 13 2	1 0 0	...	...
193	Bristol	332	208	58	598	25	623	400	23 0 0	3 0 0	23 0 0	...
194	Cardiff	287	257	55	599	159	758	350	250 0 0	3 0 0	50 0 0	...
195	Cheltenham	...	482	136	618	495	1113	*350	225 0 0	3 0 0	25 0 0	...
196	Gloucester	88	...	26	114	...	114	205	205 0 0	2 0 0	5 0 0	...
197	Plymouth	156	159	30	345	612	957	250	...	2 0 0	...	400 0 0
198	Swansea	152	518	64	734	96	830	400	200 0 0	3 0 0	...	...
199	Torquay	244	225	62	531	75	606	*400	226 0 0	3 0 0	26 0 0	...
		1259	1894	431	3584	1512	5096	2555	1240 13 2	20 0 0	129 0 0	400 0 0
	London.											
200	Aldershot	129	57	24	210	127	337	200	136 8 4	1 10 0	...	100 0 0
201	Aston Tirrold	...	145	28	173	14	187	200	105 0 0	1 10 0	...	...
202	Bournemouth	202	163	19	384	247	631	400	210 0 0	3 0 0	10 0 0	350 0 0
203	Brighton—Queen's Road...	...	747	192	939	200	1139	500	260 0 0	4 10 0	60 0 0	...
204	,, —Trinity ...	...	450	50	500	650	1150	...	...	4 10 0	...	...
205	Canterbury...	...	181	...	181	...	181	...	...	...	...	...
206	Chatham	...	129	18	147	...	147	200	105 0 0	1 10 0	...	...
207	Croydon	262	208	157	627	83	710	500	220 0 0	6 0 0	20 0 0	104 1 0
208	Eastbourne‡	...	270	...	270	...	270	...	...	...	...	...
209	Gravesend	346	218	11	575	...	575	400	...	3 0 0	...	...
210	Guernsey	12	85	...	97	...	97	150	75 0 0	1 10 0	...	...
211	Ipswich	79	95	32	206	11	217	155	118 0 7	1 10 0	...	311 15 11
212	Jersey	179	230	27	436	...	436	300	205 0 0	4 10 0	5 0 0	2 0 0
213	Lewes	33	145	12	190	13	203	*195	155 0 0	1 10 0	...	5 0 0
214	London—Belgrave ...	380	369	233	982	252	1234	600	240 0 0	9 0 0	40 0 0	...
215	,, —Bermondsey ...	34	55	5	94	...	94	...	12 8 6	1 10 0	...	...
216	,, —Bow Road ...	63	223	...	286	72	358	300	175 0 0	3 0 0	...	385 0 0
217	,, —Brockley	98	185	4	287	101	388	§173	...	...	...	...
218	,, —Camberwell ...	294	437	93	824	25	849	450	163 13 9	4 10 0	...	...
219	,, —Camden Road ...	341	617	234	1192	62	1254	500	220 0 0	9 0 0	20 0 0	80 0 0
220	,, —Canonbury ...	177	136	...	313	588	901	*300	195 0 0	4 10 0	...	...
221	,, —Clapham Road ...	1014	550	834	2398	85	2483	1000	509 7 4	15 0 0	309 7 4	263 13 0
	Carried forward ...	3643	5695	1973	11311	2530	13841	6523	3104 18 6	87 0 0	464 7 4	1601 9 11

* With Manse. † For part of year only. ‡ Return for 5 Months. § For Supplies.

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FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN

No.	CONGREGATIONS.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES. Income for Congregational Purposes. Seat Rents.	Collections, &c.	Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.	Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.	Thanksgiving Fund.
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward ...	3643	5695	1973	11311	2530	13841	6523	3104 18 6	81 0 0	464 7 4	1601 9 11
222	London—Clapton	253	300	99	652	..	652	350	200 0 0	3 0 0	..	..
223	,, —Crouch Hill ...	..	477	33	510	785	1295	400	...	3 0 0	..	100 0 0
224	,, —Ealing	87	170	8	265	32	297	375	205 0 0	1 10 0	5 0 0	..
225	,, —East India Road ...	70	153	3	226	..	226	200	165 0 0	1 10 0	..	..
226	,, —Forest Hill ...	334	264	203	801	..	801	510	315 12 6	9 0 0	115 12 6	1076 10 1
227	,, —Goldington Cresct.	112	307	..	419	..	419	250	...	1 10 0	..	..
228	,, —Greenwich ...	437	461	365	1263	17	1280	575	314 3 9	12 0 0	114 3 9	246 2 6
229	,, —Hammersmith ...	330	226	40	596	..	596	350	210 0 0	4 10 0	10 0 0	..
230	,, —Hampstead ...	279	413	85	777	373	1150	550*	416 7 0	9 0 0	216 7 0	1094 19 0
231	,, —Highbury ...	704	612	519	1835	..	1835	850	141 0 0	15 0 0	141 0 0	223 13 0
232	,, —Islington	657	257	360	1274	23	1297	786	321 5 0	12 0 0	121 5 0	..
233	,, —Kensington ...	177	345	59	581	..	581	600	200 0 0	3 0 0	..	351 0 0
234	,, —Kentish Town ...	23	80	8	111	27	138	...	98 16 4	..	..	..
235	,, —Kingstn-on-Thmes	52	89	3	144	..	144	205	155 3 11	1 10 0	..	..
236	,, —Marylebone ...	1287	513	721	2521	2530	5051	1050	555 14 3	15 0 0	355 14 3	20 2 0
237	,, —Millwall	32	123	3	158	..	158	200	105 0 0	1 10 0	..	..
238	,, —New Barnet ...	79	175	37	291	169	460	207	200 0 0	1 10 0	..	..
239	,, —Notting Hill ...	1006	455	6	1467	259	1726	1000	393 0 0	12 0 0	193 0 0	28 0 0
240	,, —Oxenden ...	121	138	25	284	500	784	225	...	4 10 0	..	..
241	,, —Regent Square ..	885	823	644	2352	42	2394	1200	586 6 0	15 0 0	386 6 0	660 17 0
242	,, —Richmond ...	..	264	..	264	..	264	300	...	..	..	..
243	,, —St. John's Wood...	858	800	264	1922	2063	3985	1110	340 17 7	15 0 0	340 17 7	875 12 0
244	,, —South Kensington	344	601	170	1115	424	1539	800	226 0 0	9 0 0	26 0 0	301 0 0
245	,, —Southwark ...	53	135	..	188	7	195	155	110 0 0	1 10 0	..	..
246	,, —Stepney	230	210	29	469	8	477	400	220 0 0	6 0 0	20 0 0	..
247	,, —Stratford	157	188	..	345	..	345	300	220 0 0	1 10 0	20 0 0	500 0 0
248	,, —Streatham ...	82	133	19	234	90	324	400	...	3 0 0	..	322 15 5
249	,, —Tottenham ...	149	104	55	308	509	817	319	220 0 0	3 0 0	20 0 0	115 17 6
250	,, —Upper Norwood ...	237	267	73	577	10	587	500	210 0 0	4 10 0	10 0 0	..
251	,, —Victoria Docks ...	42	54	..	96	32	128	205	205 0 0	1 10 0	5 0 0	1 4 0
252	,, —Wandsworth ...	206	140	14	360	..	360	400	200 0 0	4 10 0	..	..
253	,, —Westbourne Grove	245	485	209	939	2300	3239	..	43 10 8	9 0 0	43 10 8	..
254	,, —Whitfield... ...	44	90	500	634	5	639	200	120 0 0	1 10 0	..	..
255	,, —Willesden ...	262	260	34	556	..	556	400	...	3 0 0	..	..
256	,, —Wood Green ...	50	61	..	111	..	111	..	...	1 10 0	..	..
257	,, —Woolwich, New Rd	323	391	57	771	1710	2481	650	215 1 0	3 0 0	15 1 0	853 9 3
258	,, — ,, St. And's.	161	368	20	549	..	549	250	200 0 0	..	..	177 10 0
259	Maidstone	20	12	..	32	20	52	..	105 0 0	1 10 0	..	..
260	Norwich	179	42	24	245	574	819	400	215 10 2	3 0 0	15 10 2	300 0 0
261	Portsmouth	180	207	8	395	..	395	300	...	3 0 0	..	..
262	Reading	134	164	..	298	..	298	300	...	1 10 0	..	..
263	Singapore	..	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	..
264	Silverhill, Hastings ..	32	149	11	192	350	542	200	160 10 0	1 10 0	..	..
265	Southampton—St. Andrw's	230	156	208	594	..	594	350	210 0 0	6 0 0	10 0 0	43 3 6
266	,, —Totton ...	236	85	..	321	..	321	200	108 5 0	1 10 0	..	..
267	,, —Woolston..	165	186	..	351	4	355	270	209 0 6	3 0 0	9 0 6	..
	Miscellaneous ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..
		15187	17628	6889	39704	15393	55097	24815	11006 2 2	295 10 0	2637 15 9	8893 4 8

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SUMMARY—II.

No.	Presbyteries, &c.	CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES. Income for Congregational Purposes. Seat Rents.	Collections, &c.	Poor and Extra Congregational Missions.	Total Ordinary Revenue.	For Temporary Purposes.	Total.	Total Stipend.	Total Sustentation Fund.	Synod Fund.	Sustentation Fund Aid-giving.	Thanksgiving Fund.
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Berwick	1618	1142	551	3311	631	3942	3293	1613 12 7	18 14 0	55 19 6	1 0 0
2	Northumberland... ...	1935	1680	123	3738	206	3944	4983	3059 19 1	72 11 0	12 10 0	54 19 7
3	Newcastle...	4336	9255	1407	14998	5109	20107	11090	4559 9 11	147 0 0	521 10 7	1812 3 6
4	Carlisle	708	1469	159	2336	237	2573	2386	1475 4 8	24 8 0	79 12 6	35 0 6
5	Darlington	883	3223	1214	5320	1123	6443	4008	1938 8 3	35 15 0	36 8 10	767 18 10
6	Liverpool	7798	6946	3148	17892	4563	22455	12030	5684 12 5	184 6 5	914 13 0	1292 9 6
7	Manchester	5034	8114	2043	15191	5495	20686	9658	3424 17 7	135 10 7	493 0 9	3022 2 4
8	Birmingham	1348	3109	264	4721	443	5164	3447	1896 5 0	39 19 6	35 5 0	650 4 0
9	Bristol	1259	1894	431	3584	1512	5096	2555	1240 13 2	20 0 0	129 0 0	400 0 0
10	London	15187	17628	6889	39704	15393	55097	24815	11006 2 2	295 10 0	2637 15 9	8893 4 8
11	Donations...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	2766 12 0	...
12	Scholarships	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	Church Building... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	Aged and Infirm Ministers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	Widows and Orphans ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		40106	54460	16229	110795	34712	145507	78265	35899 4 10	973 14 6	7682 7 11	16929 2 11

FINANCIAL.

SYNODICAL FINANCES.

Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.	Continental Missions.	College.	Schools.	Total. 1878.	Total. 1877.	United Presbyterian Church, 1878.	Grand Total. 1878.	Grand Total. 1877.	No.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s.	
37 13 7	143 19 0	5 19 9	17 3 0	11 2 5	15 8 10	288 6 1	333 11 0	106 10 6	4336 16 7	3962 11	1
38 4 10	111 14 11	15 13 2	5 1 1	20 3 8	3 17 11	262 5 2	297 8 0	38 0 0	4244 5 2	4282 8	2
161 14 7	387 8 3	47 5 2	9 0 0	75 6 11	9 5 5	3023 14 5	6763 16 0	99 12 7	23230 7 0	28513 16	3
33 17 11	98 11 5	14 15 4	3 10 0	13 15 1	0 10 0	279 12 9	334 18 0	...	2852 12 9	3097 18	4
58 11 0	388 6 7	23 16 6	1 10 0	20 13 8	...	1297 5 5	6934 16 0	8 0 0	7748 5 5	14545 16	5
450 18 6	1282 3 3	98 10 5	75 12 11	107 17 5	32 8 7	4254 13 7	16112 12 0	140 3 0	26849 16 7	41041 12	6
267 18 8	623 2 3	42 7 11	18 10 0	93 1 11	18 17 7	4579 1 5	4940 4 0	94 3 0	25359 4 5	23172 4	7
28 5 7	140 0 11	6 5 0	..	4 12 0	...	864 12 6	1999 3 0	2 6 0	6030 18 6	8754 3	8
48 3 7	244 16 7	31 4 2	23 0 0	27 19 5	...	904 3 9	993 18 0	30 0 0	6030 3 9	5056 18	9
898 13 11	2460 1 5	458 19 4	115 0 4	427 2 2	107 11 0	15999 5 7	16596 5 0	335 7 7	71431 13 2	70057 7	10
469 10 4	3620 18 10	48 14 4	5 13 0	1851 19 6	16 5 6	8779 13 6	22712 0 0	...	8779 13 6	22712 0	11
...	...	...	...	472 12 1	...	472 12 1	461 0 0	...	472 12 1	461 0	12
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	512 16 4	577 0	13
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	. .	277 14 2	603 0	14
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2397 15 9	1889 0	15
2493 12 6	9502 0 5	793 11 1	274 0 4	3126 6 3	204 4 10	41005 6 3	78479 11 0	854 2 8	190554 15 2	228726 13	

ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH.

HOME MISSION FUND *in Account with the* TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1878, *March* 26.		
To Balance due to Treasurer on Home Mission Account	384 7 11	
Less Balance of Scottish Subsidy Account	163 18 7	
		220 9 4
,, Home Mission Grants to—		
Presbytery of Birmingham	118 15 0	
,, Darlington	268 15 0	
,, London	762 10 0	
,, Manchester	245 0 0	
,, Newcastle	25 0 0	
		1420 0 0
,, Evangelistic Grants to—		
Presbytery of Berwick	60 0 0	
,, Birmingham	80 0 0	
,, Carlisle	80 0 0	
,, Darlington	40 0 0	
,, Liverpool	30 0 0	
,, London	300 0 0	
,, Manchester	50 0 0	
,, Newcastle	30 0 0	
,, Northumberland ...	40 0 0	
		710 0 0
,, Annuities		43 15 0
,, Travelling Expenses		68 7 5
,, Half Expenses of Evangelistic Services ...		14 0 2
,, Printing, Stationery, &c.		45 1 0
,, Proportion of Office Charges to 15th March, 1879		68 14 1
,, Interest on Money borrowed from other funds		6 1 3
		£2596 8 3

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Collections	1015 7 9	
,, Associations	1011 5 1	
,, Donations	283 15 0	
		2310 7 10
,, Scottish Subsidy, Half Year to 31st December, 1878 ...		183 4 8
		£2493 12 6
By Balance due to Treasurers		102 15 9
		£2596 8 3

Examined and found correct

T. D. THOMSON,
ROBERT STARK, } *Auditors.*

E. & O. E. JOHN LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary,
March 15, 1879.

GRANTS PAID FROM HOME MISSION FUND DURING THE YEAR 1878—9.

I.—ORDINARY GRANTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Presbytery of Birmingham—		
Shrewsbury	18 15 0	
Walsall	100 0 0	
		118 15 0
Presbytery of Darlington—		
Grimsby	50 0 0	
Harrogate	106 5 0	
Whitby	50 0 0	
York	62 10 0	
		268 15 0
Presbytery of London—		
Canterbury	12 10 0	
Brockley	75 0 0	
Crouch Hill	100 0 0	
Eastbourne	25 0 0	
Ealing	75 0 0	
Goldington Crescent	12 10 0	
Kingston-on-Thames	25 0 0	
Richmond	87 10 0	
Reading	93 15 0	
Streatham	81 5 0	
Upper Norwood	25 0 0	
Wood Green	75 0 0	
Willesden	75 0 0	
		762 10 0
Presbytery of Manchester—		
Ancoats	25 0 0	
Eccles	50 0 0	
Leeds, Hanover Square	75 0 0	
Preston	95 0 0	
		245 0 0
Presbytery of Newcastle—		
Byker		25 0 0
		£1420 0 0

II.—EVANGELISTIC GRANTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Presbytery of Berwick—		
Holy Island	30 0 0	
Spittal	30 0 0	
		60 0 0
Presbytery of Birmingham—		
Leicester		80 0 0
Presbytery of Carlisle—		
Great Salkeld	40 0 0	
Penruddock	40 0 0	
		80 0 0
Presbytery of Darlington—		
Redcar		40 0 0
Presbytery of Liverpool—		
Ramsay		30 0 0
Presbytery of London—		
Brighton	150 0 0	
Stratford	150 0 0	
		300 0 0
Presbytery of Manchester—		
Tunley		50 0 0
Presbytery of Newcastle—		
Newcastle, Erskine	10 0 0	
South Shields, East Street	20 0 0	
		30 0 0
Presbytery of Northumberland—		
North Sunderland	20 0 0	
Wooler, Tower Hill	20 0 0	
		40 0 0
		£710 0 0

Foreign Missions Fund (China).—In Account

Dr.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To *Missionaries' Salaries*, viz.:—							
AMOY,	Rev. W. S. Swanson	450	0	0			
	Rev. Wm. Macgregor	400	0	0			
	Rev. Robert Gordon	340	0	0			
	Rev. Hy. Thompson	320	0	0			
SWATOW,	Rev. George Smith	155	0	0			
	Rev. H. L. Mackenzie	350	0	0			
	Dr. William Gauld	400	0	0			
	Rev. William Duffus	340	0	0			
	Rev. Jno. C. Gibson	250	0	0			
	Rev. John Rutherfurd	187	10	0			
FORMOSA,	Dr. James L. Maxwell	205	0	0			
	Rev. Hugh Ritchie	340	0	0			
	Rev. William Campbell	250	0	0			
	Rev. Thomas Barclay	250	0	0			
	Rev. David Smith	320	0	0			
	Rev. Dr. Anderson	6	17	0			
		£4564	7	0			
	Payment to Mother of William C. Burns	40	0	0			
					4604	7	0
„ *Passage Money and Travelling Expenses*—							
	Dr. Dickson's passage money homewards	208	3	11			
	Mr. and Mrs. Duffus and Miss Ricketts' passage to Hong Kong	273	0	0			
	Dr. P. Anderson, per *Glengyle*	52	10	0			
	Mr. Rutherfurd for passage homewards	83	18	0			
	Mr. Campbell „	63	16	0			
	Mr. Swanson, expenses on journey outwards	15	0	0			
	Travelling Expenses of Missionaries in England, on deputation work	53	19	0			
					750	6	11
„ *Outfit of Missionaries*				...	295	0	0
„ *Widows and Orphans Fund*, extra premium for residence abroad— 13 Missionaries at £5, and 1 at £2 10s.				...	67	10	0
„ *Home Charges*, viz.:—							
	Annual Reports	145	13	2			
	Share of Synod Reports	29	0	0			
	Travelling Expenses of Presbyterian Representatives to Meetings of Committee	2	9	0			
	Rent to College Committee and Charges	16	0	0			
	Books, Advertisements, &c.	89	0	7			
	Missionary Boxes and Collecting Cards	26	2	2			
	Children's Missionary Record	27	15	0			
	The Gospel in China	109	17	0			
	Share of Office Charges	128	3	4			
	Grant to Mission Conference Committee for Books ...	25	0	0			
	Mission Conference Reports	16	14	2			
					615	14	5
„ AMOY *Mission Expenses*, viz.:—							
	Salaries of 26 Native Preachers	Dls. 2016·					
	„ 11 „ Teachers	686·					
	„ 11 „ Students	416·					
	„ 8 Chapel Keepers	244·					
	„ 6 Bible Colporteurs ... ... Dls. 360·						
	Carried forward 360·	3362·			£6332	18	4

with the Treasurership Committee.

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Balance from last account		2577 18 1
„ *Congregational Contributions*—		
From Presbytery of Berwick	125 1 3	
Birmingham	64 14 11	
Bristol	182 16 5	
Carlisle	72 5 9	
Darlington	343 12 3	
Liverpool	959 15 7	
London	1881 5 4	
Manchester	415 5 5	
Newcastle	237 18 0	
Northumberland	66 3 9	
		4348 18 8
„ The Juvenile Fund	...	1382 10 2
„ *Woman's Work*—		
Received from F. J. Horniman	2 2 0	
Mrs. Miller	5 0 0	
Mrs. Hamilton Johnstone	3 0 0	
		10 2 0
„ *Amoy Girls' School*—		
Received from Regent Square Association	...	83 12 0
„ *Gospel-boat at Swatow*—		
Received per Miss Ricketts	...	15 7 9
„ *Remittances* from—		
New Zealand—Otepopo Congregation, per Rev. John Ryley	...	30 0 0
Breslau—Free Evangelical Church	...	4 17 6
Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia, per Rev. Isaac Mackay	...	40 0 0
„ *Edinburgh Committee for Scottish Auxiliary Associations, for Salaries of*—		
Rev. W. Macgregor	390 0 0	
Rev. Geo. Smith	155 0 0	
Dr. Wm. Gauld	400 0 0	
Rev. Wm. Duffus	340 0 0	
Rev. J. Rutherfurd	250 0 0	
	1535 0 0	
„ Subscriptions to Widows and Orphans Fund	25 0 0	
„ Passage Money—Mr. and Mrs. Duffus	182 0 0	
„ Salaries of Native Evangelists	373 11 0	
Special Grants for New Mission Chapel at Swatow	200 0 0	
„ Subscriptions for Boys' School at ditto	47 10 6	
„ „ „ Girls' School at Amoy	6 4 2	
	2369 5 8	
Less remitted in January, 1878	600 0 0	
		1769 5 8
Thanksgiving Fund—		
Liverpool—		
Birkenhead, St. Andrew's Congregation	7 4 0	
Rev. J. Fraser, Hamilton Church	0 10 0	
Misses Robinson, Canning Street	20 0 0	
Carried forward	£27 14 0	10262 11 10

Dr. FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND (CHINA).—IN ACCOUNT

	Dls.	Dls.	Dls.	£	s.	d.
To Amoy *Mission Expenses (continued)*:—						
Brought forward		360	3362·	6332	18	4
Less received from British and Foreign Bible Society	240·					
,, National Bible Society of Scotland	120·					
		360	...			
Students' Expenses (Light, Books, &c.)			76·			
Gospel-boat Expenses			294·04			
River-boat Expenses			274.			
Rents, Repairs, Furnishing, &c.			531·87			
Travelling Expenses, Consular Fees, &c.			687·74			
Repairs on Ko-long-su houses			681·37			
Medical Account			346·50			
Help towards building new chapels and Manse at Pechuia ...			375·			
Chin-chew alterations			861·65			
			7490·17			
Balance in hands of Treasurer			831·03			
			8321·20			
Balance from Last Account	368·48					
Subscriptions from Stations	88·96					
Sale of Gospel-boat	85·					
Discount on Mexican Dollars	44·58					
Amoy Girls' School ... ... 545·45						
Received in Amoy ... ... 140·05						
	685·50					
Less expenditure 406 90						
	278·60					
			865·62			
,, Swatow *Mission Expenses*, viz.:—			7455·58	or 1500	0	0
Salaries of 11 Preachers, 5 Students, 5 Teachers, 16 Chapel Keepers, 1 Bible-Woman, and 3 Boatmen			1945·93			
Rents, Repairs, and General Expenses			925·24			
Travelling Expenses			536.65			
Current Expenses at Stations, Students' House, &c. ...			91.44			
Purchase of Chapels at Ngou-hun-tang and Ho-Po ...			224·			
Repairs of Hue Che, and Building of Pang-khan Chapels ...			202·			
Boys' School, Net Cost			971·83			
Girls' ,, ,, ...			489·63			
Balauce of Wages to Colporteur			1·17			
Cost of New Hospital Buildings ... ... 5644·81						
Sale of Old Hospital and Contributions ... ... 5644·81						
			5387·89			
Balance in Treasurer's hands			203·08			
			5590·97			
Balance from Last Year's Account	477·11					
Rent of House for Two and a-half Months ...	98·					
Donation from Calcutta F. C. Sabbath School ...	20·					
Contribution from St. Andrew's, Dunedin	15·40					
Native Contributions	8·21					
,, ,, from Swatow	77·47					
			696·19			
			4894·78	or 925	0	0
Medical Attendance for Rev. Wm. Duffus			...	16	16	0
,, Formosa *Mission Expenses*, viz.:—						
Salaries—25 Evangelists, 11 Teachers, 2 Chapel Keepers, 2 Colporteurs, Watchman, and Porter			2802·10			
Travelling Expenses—Missionaries and Evangelists ...			1286·88			
Medical Bill			879·15			
College			819·66			
Repairs of Chapels and Mission Houses			734·29			
Books bought for Re-sale			326·88			
New Buildings			230·			
Takao Hospital Expenses			194·50			
Carried forward ...			7273·46	£8774	14	4

WITH THE TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d
Brought forward	27	14	0	10262	11	10
By *Thanksgiving Fund (continued)*:—						
LONDON—						
J. C. Reid, Esq., Croydon	4	0	0			
Greenwich Congregation	2	12	6			
Jaspar Young, Esq., Clapham	40	0	0			
Rev. J. Matheson, Hampstead	1	0	0			
Mr. Balmer, Hampstead	1	0	0			
G. S. Garden, Esq., Hampstead	1	0	0			
H. M. Matheson, Esq., Hampstead	100	0	0			
R. A. Whytlaw, Esq., Hampstead	3	0	0			
Southampton Congregation	43	3	6			
W. Robertson, Esq., Tottenham	0	15	0			
MANCHESTER—						
Rev Charles Moinet, Withington	5	0	0			
NEWCASTLE—						
G. S. Thompson, Esq., John Knox	0	10	0			
				229	15	0
,, *Legacies*—						
Left by a Lady-Member of Church at Glanton	20	0	0			
The late Mrs. Ringland, Hanley	10	0	0			
,, Rachel Thompson, Stalybridge	5	0	0			
,, James Gardner, Edinburgh, Share of Surplus Income	3	16	1			
				38	16	1
,, *Donations*—						
Anonymous	1	0	0			
Rev. A. Anderson, Cowdenbeath	0	2	6			
H. S. A., Glasgow	0	5	0			
R. Barbour, Esq.	100	0	0			
Geo. S. Brodie, Esq.	25	0	0			
N. B. E. Baillie, Esq.	1	1	0			
Mrs. Bell, Springcroft	25	0	0			
Bowling Sabbath School	1	17	0			
J. B., Stepney	3	0	0			
Rev. J. S. Burns	10	0	0			
Mrs. Caley	1	1	0			
Canada Coupon...	25	0	0			
G. M. Connor, Esq.	1	0	0			
Jno. Cuthbertson, Esq., Killygordon	10	0	0			
Jno. Cunliffe, Esq.	100	0	0			
Ditto for Training College, Amoy	25	0	0			
James Davison, Esq., Alnwick	1	0	0			
J. A. Dunbar, Esq.	3	0	0			
An Early Friend of the Mission	100	0	0			
Excelsior, per Rev. J. Laing, for the advance of the Gospel, a Thankoffering	1	0	0			
Robt. Erwin, Esq., Belfast (Box)	0	3	6			
A Friend	0	10	0			
Ditto	2	0	0			
Friends in Sunderland, for Medical Mission	4	0	0			
A few Friends, Houghton-le-Spring	1	10	0			
Family Box, 19, Highbury Grange	1	0	0			
The Ferns, Frognal	2	10	0			
Jno. Fair, Esq.	5	5	0			
Misses George, Streatham	0	10	0			
L. Gibson, Esq.	3	3	0			
Misses Graham	0	10	6			
Mrs. Groom	1	0	0			
Rev. A. Macdonald Halket	5	0	0			
Mr. Innes, Edinburgh	10	0	0			
Jabez (two donations)	1	0	0			
A. H. J., Thankoffering for mercies received during past year	1	0	0			
C. J. Kerr, Esq.	1	0	0			
Wm. Kidney, Esq.	5	0	0			
L., Upper Norwood	0	10	0			
Lizzie Sizmur	0	10	0			
M.	50	0	0			
J. MacAndrew, Esq.	5	0	0			
Mrs. Macintosh...	1	1	0			
Robt. Macnab, Esq., Perth	3	0	0			
Carried forward	538	9	6	10531	2	11

Dr. FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND (CHINA).—IN ACCOUNT

			Dls.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward		7273·46	8774 14 4
To *Formosa* Mission Expenses *(continued)* :—				
Taiwanfoo Hospital Expenses			42·	
Sundries			143·26	
			7458·72	
„ Balance in Treasurers' hands			133·75	
			7592·47	
Balance from Last Account	201·62			
Native Contributions	324·17			
Taiwanfoo Hospital, Totâis gift	300·			
Medicines sold	2·68			
Books sold	144·			
			972·47	
		Dols.	6620·	
			or	
		£1372	0 0	
„ Medicines sent from England		60	19 4	
„ Safe „ „		13	0 0	
				1445 19 4
				10,220 13 8
„ New Steam Launch for Amoy Mission				945 0 0
				11,165 13 8
„ Balance				568 13 11
				£11,734 7 7

Examined and found correct,

T. D. THOMSON,
ROBERT STARK, } *Auditors.*

WITH THE TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	538	9	6	10531	2	11
By *Donations (continued):*—						
Miss Matheson, Achany, N.B.	6	0	0			
Per James E. Mathieson, Esq., from Hon. James Balfour, Melbourne	10	0	0			
Rev. John More	1	0	0			
Per Dr. J. L. Maxwell—						
Mrs. W. £3 0 0						
Mrs. Warrick, for Medical Mission, Formosa 3 0 0						
L. G. S. 1 0 0						
M. M. M. 5 0 0						
W. N. S. 2 0 0						
W. T. 1 1 0						
Children, 48, Petherton Road ... 1 0 6						
Miss Abbott 0 5 0						
For Chinese Grammar sold 0 6 0						
	16	12	6			
Benj. Nicholson, Esq.	10	0	0			
Mrs. Parlane (two donations)	100	0	0			
Partick Free High Church, Minister's Bible Class	1	6	6			
Miss Pickering	1	0	0			
Mrs. Pickup	12	10	0			
Reginald Radcliffe, Esq.	1	0	0			
J. G. Van Rijn, Esq.	2	0	0			
G. E. Sloper, Esq.	10	0	0			
Rev. Geo. Smith	150	0	0			
Dr. A. P. Stewart	10	10	0			
Mrs. Still's Meeting—Orphir, Orkney	0	13	0			
Thomas Stone, Esq. (two donations)	40	0	0			
Huntington Stone, Esq.	5	0	0			
Mrs. Grosvenor Stopford	3	3	0			
P. Strutt, Esq.	1	0	0			
Miss Jessie Veitch (Collecting Card)	3	16	0			
Jas. Wallace, Esq., Moorside, Subscription	2	2	0			
,, ,, ,, Donation	3	3	0			
Mrs. and Misses Waterhouse	5	0	0			
Miss Wood, Guernsey	0	5	0			
C. L. Wuille	1	0	0			
W. W.	100	0	0			
				1036	10	6
Dividends—						
On £3000 Midland Railway 4 per Cent. Debentures ...	120	0	0			
,, £1000 India 5 per Cent. Stock	50	0	0			
	170	0	0			
Less Income Tax	3	5	10			
				166	14	2
				£11,734	7	7

E. & O. E. 15*th March*, 1879,

JOHN LEGGAT,

Financial Secretary.

Foreign Missions (India).—In Account

Dr.

				£	s.	d.
To Balance from last account				253	1	7
,, Salary—						
Payments in England on account of Dr. Morison				105	0	0
,, Travelling Expenses—						
Passage Money of Miss Murray (now Mrs. Morison)				52	10	0
,, Medicines—						
Paid to Dakin Brothers				32	10	11
,, Widows and Orphans Fund—						
Extra premium for residence abroad				5	0	0
,, Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co., remitted to them for Current Expenses in India				*300	0	0
*Memo. of Payments in India by Dr. Morison—		Rs.	As.	Ps.		
,, Dispensary		449	10	0		
,, Orphanage		451	0	1		
,, Schools		618	13	0		
,, Travelling Expenses		229	14	0		
,, Evangelists' Salary		460	0	0		
,, Housebuilding and Repairs		322	12	2		
,, Dr. Morison's Salary drawn in India		2765	10	1		
,, Rent, Tracts, Books, and Expenses of Burying Ground and Church Keeper		239	15	3		
		5537	11	3		
,, Balance in hand		705	11	3		
		6243	7	2		
,, Received from Messrs. Fraser and Matheson on account of Gospel Boat	Rs. 1520	14	0			
,, Less cost and expenses of Gospel Boat	1158	14	2			
	Rs. 361	15	2			
,, Received from Mrs. Singh Reserve Fund ...	400	0	0			
,, ,, ,, Police tax and part rent refunded	8	8	0			
,, Received from Government on account of Orphans	38	0	0			
,, ,, Donations	35	0	0			
				843	7	2
Drawn from Mackinnon, Mackenzie, and Co.... ...			Rs.	5400	0	0
				£748	2	6

Examined and found correct,
T. D. THOMSON,
ROBERT STARK, } *Auditors.*

with the Treasurership Committee.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Congregational Associations—						
Birkenhead, Claughton	3	0	0			
London, Crouch Hill	5	0	0			
,, Regent Square	50	12	6			
,, St. John's Wood	7	9	9			
Manchester, Grosvenor Square	9	0	0			
Newcastle, Walker	1	0	0			
				76	2	3
,, Sunday Schools—						
Berwick, Church Street	2	11	4			
Spittal	1	15	11			
Hartlepool	1	9	1			
Liverpool, Fairfield, Beech Street	5	15	10			
,, Islington	3	0	0			
,, Princes Road	2	2	0			
London, Highbury, Hoxton	1	0	0			
,, Regent Square	2	0	0			
Silverhill	1	10	0			
				21	4	2
,, Donations—						
Geo. S. Brodie, Esq.	20	0	0			
A. G. Dallas, Esq.	5	0	0			
J. A. Dunbar, Esq.	2	0	0			
Miss Grahame	0	10	6			
"Jabez"	0	10	0			
J. W. Laidlay, Esq.	50	0	0			
M.	20	0	0			
Donald Matheson, Esq.	10	0	0			
Thos. Matheson, Esq.	10	0	0			
Arthur Magniac, Esq.	50	0	0			
Geo. McLeod, Esq.	25	0	0			
Messrs. Chas. S. and Harold King Patterson	1	0	0			
Dudley R. Smith, Esq.	50	0	0			
Dr. A. P. Stewart	2	2	0			
James Wallace, Esq.	2	2	0			
				248	4	6
				£345	10	11
Balance due to Treasurer				402	11	7
				£748	2	6

E. & O. E. *March* 15, 1879.

JOHN LEGGAT,

Financial Secretary.

THE JEWISH MISSION *in Account with the* TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Salaries—		
„ Rev. T. J. Meyer, for year to Christmas, 1878	500 0 0	
„ Mr. Caplan, 12 months to 28th February ...	91 13 4	
„ Dr. W. B. Joseffy „ „ „ ...	191 14 0	
„ Mr. Rippingall, 4 „ „ „ ...	12 0 0	
		795 7 4
„ Housekeeper's Wages	... ...	7 10 0
„ Rent of Whitechapel Premises to Christmas, 1878	... ...	80 0 0
„ Gas and Coals	... ...	13 9 7
„ Synod Treasurer—		
Proportion of Printing Reports of Committees, &c.	12 12 4	
Proportion of Travelling Expenses of Presbyteries' Representatives	4 10 1	
		17 2 5
„ College Committee—		
Proportion of Expenses at Synod's Committee Meetings	2 8 9	
Committee's use of College Rooms	5 0 0	
		7 8 9
„ Printing Reports, &c.	... ...	3 15 6
„ „ Circulars...	... ...	2 0 6
„ Rev. T. J. Meyer—		
For Reading Room	7 7 6	
„ Bibles, Tracts, &c.	13 19 8	
„ Sundry Expenses	5 5 2	
		26 12 4
„ Book Presses	... ...	8 9 7
„ Repairs	... ...	13 2 0
„ Anniversary Social Meeting	... ...	4 2 3
„ Dr. Joseffy's Travelling Expenses	... ...	5 6 9
„ Insurance of Plate Glass Window	... ...	0 12 0
„ Postages	... ...	0 8 4
„ Proportion of Office Charges to 15th March ...	... ...	20 12 3
		1005 19 7
„ Balance in hand (to meet expenditure for year 1879-80) ...		907 12 3
		£1913 11 10

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Balance in hand from Last Year's Account ...	... ...	1120 0 9
„ Presbytery of Birmingham	6 5 0	
„ „ Berwick	3 10 6	
„ „ Bristol	23 1 5	
„ „ Carlisle	3 17 0	
„ „ Darlington	20 9 1	
„ „ Liverpool	81 8 11	
„ „ London	233 9 11	
„ „ Manchester	16 5 4	
„ „ Newcastle	25 15 8	
„ „ Northumberland	13 6 2	
„ Ashbourne (Derbyshire) Free Church of England	14 16 4	
		440 5 4
Associations—		
„ Presbytery of Berwick	2 9 3	
„ „ Bristol	8 2 9	
„ „ Carlisle	8 0 0	
„ „ Liverpool	14 19 6	
„ „ London	221 17 8	
„ „ Manchester	21 11 3	
„ „ Newcastle	10 11 0	
„ „ Northumberland	2 7 0	
		289 18 5
„ Sabbath Schools	... ...	29 9 4
„ Donations	... ...	17 19 0
„ Special Donations per Union Thanksgiving Fund		15 19 0
		£1913 11 10
„ Balance brought down		£907 12 3

Examined and found correct,

T. D. THOMSON,
ROBERT STARK, } *Auditors*

E. & O. E 15*th March*, 1879.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

THE CONTINENTAL CHURCHES *in Account with the* TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Grant to Bohemia Evangelical Church for Schools		15 0 0
,, Proportion of Synod Reports		4 15 6
,, Ranken and Co., Circulars		1 7 6
,, McGlashan, Gregory, and Co.		0 7 6
,, Proportion of Office Charges	3 8 8	
,, ,, ,, Travelling Expenses	0 4 11	
		3 13 7
		25 4 1
,, Balance in hand		264 2 7
		£289 6 8

Examined and found correct,
T. D. THOMSON,
ROBERT STARK, } *Auditors.*

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Balance from last year		15 6 4
,, Forty-four Collections yielding	268 7 4	
,, Donations	5 13 0	
		274 0 4
		£289 6 8
,, Balance brought down		264 2 7

E. & O. E. *15th March*, 1879.
JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

THE COLLEGE FUND *in Account*

Dr.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Principal Lorimer's Salary, three Quarters to Christmas, 1878	375 0 0	
,, ,, Honorarium, as Principal from 3rd May ..	65 16 4	
		440 16 4
,, Professor Chalmers's Salary, three Quarters to Christmas, 1878	..	375 4 0
,, ,, Gibb's ,, ,, ,, ,,	..	300 0 0
,, Proportion of General Expenses of Synod to Synod Treasurer	..	15 16 6
,, ,, ,, Travelling Expenses of Provincial Members of Committee	..	1 9 5
,, Expenses of College Examination Board	..	21 6 11
,, Ground Rent, three Quarters to Midsummer, 1878 ..	18 9 3	
,, Rent under New Arrangement, two Quarters	122 8 0	
		140 17 3
,, Printing and Advertising	..	49 3 9
,, Rates and Taxes	..	86 6 5
,, Coals, Gas, and Water	..	115 7 3
,, Janitor's Wages, and House and Garden Expenses ..	..	205 8 5
,, Books and Periodicals	..	25 18 9
,, College Trustees, Amount received from Thanksgiving Fund	..	283 6 7
,, Sundries	..	8 1 6
,, Proportion of Office Charges to 15th March, 1879 ..	..	41 4 4
		2110 3 5
,, Balance in hand	..	740 17 8
		£2851 1 1

Examined and found correct,

T. D. THOMSON, } *Auditors.*
ROBERT STARK, }

Dr. SUPPLEMENTARY

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Principal Lorimer's Salary, Quarter to Lady-Day ..	150 0 0	
,, Professor Chalmers's ,, ,, ,, ...	125 0 0	
,, ,, Gibb's ,, ,, ,, ...	100 0 0	
		375 0 0
,, Janitor's Wages, and House Expenses for month	..	17 7 0
,, Grant to Rev. John Reid, jun., for Copying Library Catalogue	..	21 0 0
,, Payments to Occupants of Barbour Chair	..	490 12 6
		903 19 6
,, Balance in hand		58 12 2
		£962 11 8

with the TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance from last Account			..	197	6	11
,, Receipts from College Trustees			..	900	0	0
,, Collections made in the Presbyteries of—						
Berwick	11	2	5			
Birmingham	4	12	0			
Bristol	27	19	5			
Carlisle	13	15	1			
Darlington	20	13	8			
Liverpool	107	17	5			
London	427	2	2			
Manchester	93	1	11			
Newcastle-on-Tyne	75	6	11			
Northumberland	20	3	8			
				801	14	8
,, Fees from Students			..	39	17	0
,, Donation			..	2	0	0
,, Legacies			..	14	3	6
,, Rent of Stables, four Quarters			..	60	0	0
,, ,, from Standing Committees.			..	45	0	0
,, Cash of Union Thanksgiving Fund			..	300	6	6
,, Dividend on Endowment of Barbour Chair			..	490	12	6
				£2851	1	1

E. & O. E. 15*th March*, 1879,

JNO. LEGGAT,

Financial Secretary.

STATEMENT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance brought down	740	17	8
,, Received from College Trustees	100	0	0
,, Fees from Students	35	14	0
,, Congregational Contributions	26	0	0
,, Rent due from London Presbytery	60	0	0
	£962	11	8
,, Balance brought down	58	12	2

E. & O. E. 31*st March*, 1879.

JNO. LEGGAT,

Financial Secretary.

Dr. GENERAL FUND OF SCHOLARSHIPS *in*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d
To Paid Holders of Scholarships, as under, viz.:—						
Anderson—						
Mr. J. T. Middlemiss	30	0	0			
Duncan—						
Mr. Alexander McClellan	30	0	0			
Hamilton—						
Mr. D. S. MacColl	40	0	0			
McKerrow—						
Mr. Samuel Holmes	16	0	0			
Robertson—						
Mr. James Peddie	30	0	0			
Gillespie—						
Mr. George Henry	50	0	0			
Crichton						
Mr. W. R. Thompson	30	0	0			
Muter—						
First year, Mr. J. Douglas Watters ... £30 0 0						
Second year, Mr. Alexander Jeffrey ... 30 0 0						
Third year, Mr. William Dryburgh ... 30 0 0						
	90	0	0			
				316	0	0
Expenses.						
,, Paid Advertising, as under, viz.:—						
In *Weekly Review*	£7	0	0			
,, *Presbyterian Messenger*	2	10	0			
,, *Bristol Times and Mirror*	1	9	6			
,, *Edinburgh Daily Review*	2	2	8			
,, *Glasgow Herald*	2	3	0			
,, ,, *North British Mail*	1	11	0			
,, *Liverpool Mercury*	3	0	0			
,, ,, *Albion*	3	4	0			
,, *Manchester Guardian*	4	6	0			
,, ,, *Examiner*	4	6	0			
,, *Newcastle Chronicle*	2	17	0			
,, *Scotsman*	2	2	0			
,, *Northern Educational Guide*, 1878	0	15	0			
,, Paid Postages connected with Advertising	0	0	10			
	37	7	0			
,, ,, Printing Advertisements of Scholarships	3	18	0			
,, ,, Expenses connected with Examinations	0	8	0			
,, ,, For a Cheque-Book	0	4	2			
	41	17	2			
Less proportion of this amount carried to the Theological Scholarship Fund (see page 188)	13	19	0			
				27	18	2
,, Balance carried forward to next Account	...			110	13	4
				£454	11	6

Examined and found correct,

JNO. LEGGAT.

Account with H. M. MATHESON, *Treasurer*, 1878-9. *Cr.*

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Balance Cash in hand, brought from last Account	...	119 0 5
Hamilton and Duncan Scholarships—		
„ Interest on £1450 Oude and Rohilkund Railway 5 per Cent Stock, as under, viz.:—		
For half-year ended 30th June, 1878 ... £36 5 0		
Less Income Tax at 5d. 0 15 1		
	35 9 11	
For half-year ended 31st December, 1878, less Income Tax, as above	35 9 11	
		70 19 10
Robertson Scholarship—		
„ Interest on £877 2s. 4d. Indian Government 4 per Cent. Stock, as under, viz.:—		
For half-year payable 5th April, 1878 ... £17 10 10		
Less Income Tax at 3d. 0 4 4		
	17 6 6	
For half-year payable 5th October, 1878... 17 10 10		
Less Income Tax at 5d. 0 7 3		
	17 3 7	
		34 10 1
Anderson Scholarship—		
„ Interest on £500 Canadian 5 per Cent. Consolidated Stock, as under, viz.:—		
For half-year ended 30th June, 1878 ... £12 10 0		
Less Income Tax at 5d. 0 5 2		
	12 4 10	
For half-year ended 31st December, 1878, less Income Tax as above	12 4 10	
		24 9 8
Gillespie Scholarship—		
„ Interest on £1000 Canadian 5 per Cent. Consolidated Stock, as under, viz.:—		
For half-year ended 30th June, 1878 ... £25 0 0		
Less Income Tax at 5d. 0 10 5		
	24 9 7	
For half-year ended 31st December, 1878, less Income Tax as above	24 9 7	
		48 19 2
Muter Scholarships—		
„ Interest on £2075 Great Northern Railway 4½ per Cent. Preference Stock, as under, viz.:—		
For half-year ended 30th June, 1878 ... £46 13 9		
Less Income Tax at 4d. 0 15 7		
	45 18 2	
For half-year ended 31st December, 1878 46 13 9		
Less Income Tax at 5d. 0 19 5		
	45 14 4	
		91 12 6
Munro Scholarship—		
„ Interest on £500 North Eastern Railway 4 per Cent. Stock, as under, viz.:—		
From 23rd March, to 30th June, 1878 ... £5 8 6		
Less Income Tax at 4d. 0 1 10		
	5 6 8	
For half-year ended 31st December, 1878 10 0 0		
Less Income Tax at 5d. 0 4 2		
	9 15 10	
		15 2 6
McKerrow Scholarship—		
„ Proceeds of Chief Rent to 25th March, 1878 ... £10 2 0		
Less Income Tax at 3d. 0 2 6		
	9 19 6	
„ Proceeds of Chief Rent to 29th September, 1878... 10 2 0		
Less Income Tax at 5d. 0 4 2		
	9 17 10	
		19 17 4
Crichton Scholarship—		
„ Cash received from Mr. W. P. Sinclair, Liverpool, amount of this Scholarship ...		30 0 0
		£454 11 6

E. & O. E. London, 17*th March*, 1879.

H. M. MATHESON, *Treasurer.*

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Dr. THE THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Paid following Scholarships—		
Leslie—		
Mr. F. C. Whitmore	50 0 0	
Newcastle—		
Mr. Thomas Stenhouse	25 0 0	
Regent Square—		
Mr. Duncan Macrae	20 0 0	
Marylebone—		
Mr. George Mole	10 0 0	
St. John's Wood—		
Mr. James Hall	10 0 0	
Ordinary—		
Mr. H. P. Slade	20 0 0	
,, T. Anderson	20 0 0	
		155 0 0
,, Paid Rev. Martin Lewis, value of Prize awarded him ...		10 0 0
,, Proportion of Advertising and Expenses of Examinations for Scholarships (for particulars see General Fund of Scholarships Account, page 186)		13 19 0
		£178 19 0

Examined and found correct,

JNO. LEGGAT.

FUND *in Account with* H. M. MATHESON, *Treasurer*, 1878-9. *Cr.*

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Balance brought from last Account		18 7 8
Newcastle—		
Per Mr. T. Y. Strachan—		
From Mr. A. Leslie for "Leslie" Scholarship ...	50 0 0	
Newcastle Presbytery Scholarship	25 0 0	
		75 0 0
Manchester—		
Donations per Rev. W. T. Johnson, Bowden—		
Mr. J. Halliday	2 0 0	
,, W. McFerran	2 0 0	
,, James Robb	2 0 0	
,, D. McGill	2 0 0	
,, J. C. Edgar	2 0 0	
,, J. A. Beith	1 1 0	
,, H. L. McInnes	1 0 0	
		12 1 0
London—		
For Regent Square Scholarship, per Mr. James Hamilton—		
B. D. M.	0 10 0	
Mr. Thomas Bell	1 0 0	
,, Bennoch	1 0 0	
,, W. F. G. Blaikie	1 0 0	
,, J. N. Boyd	1 0 0	
Rev. J. Oswald Dykes, D.D.	1 0 0	
Doorkeeper	0 4 0	
Mr. James Farquharson	0 5 0	
,, John Hair	1 0 0	
Mrs. Hamilton Johnstone	1 1 0	
H. W. H.	0 5 0	
Mr. James Hamilton	1 1 0	
,, James P. Henderson	0 10 0	
,, J. Muir Leitch	1 0 0	
,, J. R. Macdonald	0 10 0	
,, A. N. Macnicoll	1 1 0	
Mrs. Partridge	1 0 0	
,, Starey	0 10 0	
Mr. Patrick Stewart	1 0 0	
,, T. D. Thomson	0 10 0	
,, R. T. Turnbull	1 1 0	
,, And. Wark	1 0 0	
,, James White	1 1 0	
,, Robert Whyte	0 10 0	
,, Adam Young	1 1 0	
		20 0 0
Friends in the Marylebone Congregation, per Rev. Dr. Fraser		10 0 0
Friends in St. John's Wood Congregation, per Mr. G. B. Bruce		10 0 0
Mr. H. M. Matheson		10 0 0
,, Balance due to Treasurer		23 10 4
		£178 19 0

E. & O. E.

H. M. MATHESON,

LONDON, 17*th March*, 1879. *Treasurer.*

COLLEGE TRUST *in Account with* TREASURER.

Dr.

March 31, 1879.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To College Committee, paid Financial Secretary on their account		700 0 0
,, 227, Strand---paid Mrs. Brownley her Moiety of One Year's Rent to Michaelmas, 1878, less Property Tax		147 10 0
,, J. Woodcock, Esq., Architect, balance of account		49 6 2
,, Johnstone Jeanes, Esq.		180 11 9
,, Investments—Purchase of £324, 4 per Cent. Great Western Railway Debenture Stock, as under—		
£270 at 104⅜ per Cent.	281 16 3	
£54 at 104¼ per Cent	56 11 3	
Stamps and Fees ... 0 15 0		
Broker's Commission ... 1 13 9		
	2 8 9	
		340 16 3
,, Transfer of Bank Shares from Messrs. Johnstone, Scott, and Ballantyne, to Messrs. Johnstone and Ballantyne—		
Stamps	2 15 0	
Broker's Commission	11 11 0	
		14 6 0
,, Rev. William Ballantyne, Secretary		10 0 0
,, Balance in hand carried forward		179 6 0
		£1621 16 2

Audited and found correct,
J. MUIR LEITCH.

Cr.

March 31, 1879.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Balance on hand brought forward		269 2 2
,, 227, Strand—One Year's Rent Christmas, 1879	300 0 0	
Less Property Tax	5 2 6	
		294 7 6
,, Oriental Bank Corporation—One Year's Dividend on 31 Shares, less Property Tax		77 10 0
,, Imperial Bank—One Year's Dividend on 52 Shares, less Property Tax		46 10 0
,, London Joint-Stock Bank—One Year's Dividend on 26 Shares, less Property Tax		58 10 0
,, Union Bank of London—One Year's Dividend on 53 Shares, less Property Tax		123 4 6
,, London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway—One Year's Interest on £1200 at 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock, less Property Tax		52 19 9
,, London and North-Western Railway—One Year's Interest on £4000 at 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock, less Property Tax		157 0 0
,, Great Northern Railway—One Year's Interest on £3600 at 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock, less Property Tax ...		39 5 0
,, Great Western Railway—One Year's Interest on £3600 at 5 per Cent. Preference Stock		176 10 0
,, Great Western Railway—One Year's Interest on £940 at 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock, less Property Tax		36 17 10
,, Great Western Railway—Half-Year's Interest on £324 at 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock, less Property Tax		6 6 11
,, Thanksgiving Fund received of Committee, per C. E. Lewis, Esq.		283 6 6
		£1621 16 2

JOHN JOHNSTONE, *Treasurer.*

SYNOD SCHOOL FUND

in Account with

THE TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.
To Grants	169	0	0
,, College premises	5	0	0
,, Printing Reports and Travelling Expenses to Synod Treasurer	5	8	2
,, Ranken and Co., Printing	4	6	0
,, Postage and Sundries	3	8	8
,, Balance in hand	257	3	2
	£444	6	0

	£	s.	d.
By Balance from last year	240	1	2
,, Collections and Subscriptions	190	1	4
,, Legacies...	14	3	6
	£444	6	0
,, Balance brought down	257	3	2

Examined and found correct,

T. D. THOMSON, }
ROBERT STARK, } *Auditors.*

E. & O. E. *15th March*, 1879.

JOHN LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

SUSTENTATION FUND BALANCE SHEET, 31*st December*, 1878.

Dr. *Cr.*

RECEIPTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
From Scottish Subsidy	500 0 0	
,, Donations..	266 12 0	
,, Congregations	35,899 4 10	
		36,665 16 10
Balance drawn from Reserve Fund		1577 17 6
		£38,243 14 4

PAYMENTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Printing, Stationery, and Stamps	92 16 10	
Cheque-books and Bank Commission.. ..	7 7 11	
Travelling Expenses	20 0 9	
Rev. J. M. Ross, Salary to 3rd May	135 0 0	
Clerk to Treasurer for half year	26 0 0	
Publications Committee	12 0 0	
Proportion of printing Blue Book	21 3 8	
College Committee, proportion of rent and teas	16 0 0	
Interest on Loan from other Funds	6 6 0	
Proportion of Office Charges to 31st December	261 16 10	
		598 12 0
Rev. J. M. Ross	.. ..	400 0 0
Widows and Orphans Fund	600 0 0	
Ministers' Stipend	36,645 2 4	
		37,245 2 4
		£38,243 14 4

13th February, 1879. Examined and found correct.
ARCHD. MACNICOLL, *Auditor.*

E. & O. E. 31*st December*, 1878.
JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

Sustentation Fund.

RESERVE FUND, 31*st December*, 1878.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
Total amount paid up	2000	0	0
	£2000	0	0
To balance brought down	£422	2	6

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
Balance drawn from General Account	1577	17	6
,, Carried forward to 1879	422	2	6
	£2000	0	0

13th February, 1879. Examined and found correct,

ARCHD. MACNICOLL, *Auditor.*

E. & O. E. 31st December, 1878.

JNO. LEGGAT, *Financial Secretary.*

SUSTENTATION FUND.

SCOTTISH SUBSIDY.

			£	s.	d.
By Amount received			500	0	0
To Payments under *First Charge* in terms of Rule 2 for reception of former United Presbyterian Congregations on the Fund	£17	9 10			
To Payments under *Second Charge* in terms of Rule 3 for reception of former United Presbyterian Congregations on the Fund	70	0 0			
			87	9	10
„ Balance available for General Purposes of Fund ..			£412	10	2

E. & O. E. 31st December, 1878.

JNO. LEGGAT,

Financial Secretary.

THE AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND

In Account with the

TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.
To Allowance from the Fund	40	0	0
,, Synod Printing Charges	0	19	6
,, Investments since last year	151	10	0
,, Loan repaid	5	0	0
,, Proportion of Office Charges	6	17	4
,, ,, Travelling Expenses	0	4	11
,, Balance	73	15	10
	£278	7	7

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance from last year				0	13	5
,, Interest on Investments				233	18	2
,, Contributions per—						
E. C.	2	10	0			
R. M.	2	10	0			
A. Fraser, Manchester	2	10	0			
Risley Congregation	1	1	0			
Miss Wood, Guernsey	0	5	0			
Berwick : Wallace Green Congregation	0	10	0			
Clapham Congregation	9	10	0			
Greenwich, per Union Thanksgiving Fund	25	0	0			
				43	16	0
				£278	7	7
,, Balance brought down				£73	15	10

Examined and found correct,

T. D. THOMSON, }
ROBERT STARK, } *Auditors.*

E. & O. E. 15*th March*, 1879.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

Dr. THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND *in Account with the* TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE. *Cr.*

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Annuitants (9 Widows)	210 0 0		By Cash Balance from 1877	17 13 9
,, ,, (16 Orphans)	150 0 0		,, Interest on Capital	633 0 8
		360 0 0	,, Members' Contributions	1222 10 0
,, Incidental Expenses		37 19 1	,, Donations, Fees, &c.	542 5 1
,, Investments		1523 19 0		
,, Balance of Cash in Bank		493 11 5		
		£2415 9 6		£2415 9 6

ANNUITIES FUND.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Paid Annuitants as above	360 0 0	By Balance from 1877	5428 18 11
,, Balance	6557 14 7	,, 70 per Cent. on Members' Contributions of £1222 10 0	855 15 0
		,, Interest on Capital	633 0 8
	£6917 14 7		£6917 14 7

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Incidental Expenses	37 19 1	By Balance from 1877	7765 12 4
,, Balance	9559 7 4	,, 30 per Cent. on Members' Contributions of £1222 10 0	366 15 0
		,, Donations, Fees, &c.	542 5 1
		,, Increase in value of Securities over Cost Price ..	922 14 0
	£9597 6 5		£9597 6 5

BALANCE SHEET.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Annuities Fund	6557 14 7	By Sundry Investments, valued as on 1st March, 1879 ..	15,623 10 6
,, Capital	9559 7 4	,, Cash in Bank	493 11 5
	£16,117 1 11		£16,117 1 11

E. & O. E. London, 15th March, 1879.

JNO. LEGGAT, *Financial Secretary.*

In conformity with the Rules of the Fund, I have audited the above Accounts, found them correct, examined the Securities, and sent to the Committee, through the Treasurership Committee, a valuation of the same as on the 1st day of March, 1879.

8, Old Jewry, London, 16th April, 1879. ROBT. A. McLEAN, *Public Accountant.*

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

DONATIONS, FEES, &c.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
A. Fraser, Manchester	2	10	0			
E. C. ,, ...	2	10	0			
R. M. ,, ...	2	10	0			
Legacy from late Mrs. Calder	50	11	1			
,, ,, Mary and Ann Holburn, Glanton	10	0	0			
James Nisbet and Co., Profit on Sale of Psalter and Hymn Book	200	0	0			
Per Union Thanksgiving Fund from Greenwich Church ...	25	0	0			
Clapham Road Church	9	10	0			
				302	11	1

INDUCTION FEES.

Harrogate	4	0	0			
Ealing	3	0	0			
Gosforth	4	4	0			
Crosby Road, Maryport (U.P.)	4	0	0			
Coupland Street, Manchester	9	0	0			
Reading	6	0	0			
Wooler (U.P.)	4	0	0			
North Sunderland	4	0	0			
Brighton	10	0	0			
Church Street, Berwick	4	0	0			
Walker	4	0	0			
Hanover Square, Leeds	5	0	0			
Blackhill	4	0	0			
Crook	1	0	0			
Blackett Street, Newcastle	9	0	0			
Erskine	4	0	0			
Willington Quay	4	0	0			
St. Peter's, Liverpool	6	0	0			
Longsight	8	0	0			
Bishop Auckland	4	0	0			
Camphill	7	0	0			
Claughton	14	0	0			
Bournemouth	8	0	0			
Bow	6	0	0			
Queen's Road, Liverpool	10	0	0			
St. Paul's, Birkenhead	5	0	0			
Rochdale	6	0	0			
Ramsay	4	0	0			
Hammersmith	6	0	0			
Sunderland	4	0	0			
Hull, Springbank	4	0	0			
Crook	3	0	0			
Hebburn	4	0	0			
Sunderland, North Bridge Street	6	0	0			
New John Street, Birmingham	4	0	0			
Whalley Range	7	0	0			
Hartlepool	4	0	0			
Preston	2	0	0			
Hull, Holderness Road	4	0	0			
Smethwick	4	0	0			
Otterburn	4	0	0			
				217	4	0
Marriage Fees	...			22	10	0
				£542	5	1

THE CHURCH BUILDING FUND *in Account with the* TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Sundry Grants	875	0	0	By Balance from last year	4373	0	2
,, Synod Printing Charges, &c.	19	8	0	,, Contributions from London	139	1	0
,, Travelling Expenses of Presbyterian Representatives	0	19	7	,, ,, ,, Newcastle, &c.	63	9	0
,, Proportion of Expenses of Queen Square House	7	8	10	,, ,, through Thanksgiving Fund	140	0	0
,, Proportion of Office Charges	10	7	1	,, Interest	106	8	10
	913	3	6				
,, Balance in hand	3908	15	6				
	£4821	19	0		£4821	19	0
				,, Balance brought down	£3908	15	6

Examined and found correct,

T. D. THOMSON, } *Auditors.*
ROBERT STARK, }

E. & O. E. 15*th March*, 1879.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

DEBT EXTINCTION FUND *in Account with the* TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Sundry Grants and Loans	1100	0	0	By Balance from last year	2718	15	0
,, Proportion of Expenses of Queen Square House	5	0	0	,, Repayment of Loans	150	0	0
,, ,, Office Charges	10	5	2	,, Interest	63	17	6
	1115	5	2				
,, Balance in hand	1817	7	4				
	£2932	12	6		£2932	12	6
				,, Balance brought down	£1817	7	4

Examined and found correct,

T. D. THOMSON, } *Auditors.*
ROBERT STARK, }

E. & O. E. 15*th March*, 1879.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

Dr. General Statement of Account, up to 15th March, 1879. Cr.

To the following Grants, *viz.*:—	£	£ s. d.
Shrewsbury	750	
Clapton	750	
Gloucester	750	
Bowdon	750	
Bournemouth	750	
Ipswich	750	
Wandsworth	750	
Sale	750	
Southport	750	
Blyth	750	
Waterloo, Liverpool	750	
Ramsbottom	750	
Holderness Road, Hull	750	
Jarrow	750	
Woolston	750	
Willesden	750	
Upper Norwood	750	
Aberdare	500	
Middlesborough, one moiety	375	
Stockton, ,, ...	375	
Whitby, ,, ...	375	
Streatham, ,, ...	375	
Crouch Hill, ,, ...	375	
Durham, ,, ...	375	
Wood Green, ,, ...	375	
	——	15,875 0 0
,, Printing Charges, Expenses of Public and Committee Meetings and Travelling Expenses of Deputations ..	534 4 0	
Less Balance of Interest account ..	95 19 6	
	——	438 4 6
,, Balance in hand of Local Treasurers ..	0 14 10	
,, ,, Bankers	3908 15 6	
	——	3909 10 4
		£20,222 14 10

By Contributions :—	£ s. d.
From the Presbytery of Berwick	16 1 0
,, ,, Birmingham	34 0 0
,, ,, Cumberland	1 1 0
,, ,, Liverpool	5177 9 0
,, ,, London	7163 13 0
,, ,, Manchester	1555 14 0
,, ,, Newcastle	1359 7 0
,, ,, Northumberland	80 13 10
,, Individual Subscribers	2040 4 0
,, Union Thanksgiving Fund..	2794 12 0
	£20,222 14 10

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Subscriptions Paid. £	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	Amount subscribed by each Congregation. £	s.	d.	Amount subscribed in each Presbytery. £	s.	d.
			Presbytery of Berwick.									
			BERWICK.									
16	1	0	Subscriptions per last report ..			..	16	1	0			
										16	1	0
			Presbytery of Birmingham.									
			BIRMINGHAM.									
			Broad Street—									
18	0	0	James Byers	18	0	0						
4	0	0	J. Ireland	5	0	0						
1	0	0	John R. Mackenzie, D.D. ..	5	0	0						
							28	0	0			
			New John Street—									
10	0	0	Subscriptions per last report ..	10	0	0						
1	0	0	Rev. R. Grant Brown	1	13	4						
							11	13	4			
										39	13	4
			Presbytery of Cumberland.									
			CARLISLE.									
1	1	0	Rev. J. H. Boyd			..	1	1	0			
										1	1	0
			Presbytery of Liverpool.									
			BIRKENHEAD.									
			Hamilton Church—									
30	0	0	Subscriptions per last report ..	30	0	0						
0	5	0	A. Macfarlane	1	5	0						
							31	5	0			
			St. Andrew's—									
40	0	0	James Taylor	100	0	0						
20	0	0	J. T. Forman	20	0	0						
4	0	0	James Cochrane	5	0	0						
0	8	0	Janet Campbell	2	0	0						
0	8	0	M. A. Williamson	2	0	0						
							129	0	0			
			LIVERPOOL.									
			Canning Street—									
1216	5	0	Subscriptions per last report ..	1246	5	0						
0	5	0	Miss M. Grain	1	5	0						
							1247	10	0			
			Everton Valley—									
0	3	6	Anonymous per J. C. Cuthbert ..	0	3	6						
							0	3	6			
			Fairfield—									
2024	5	0	Subscriptions per last report ..	2024	5	0						
20	0	0	R. D. B. MacQueen	25	0	0						
4	0	0	W. R. Martin	5	0	0						
							2054	5	0			
£3141	1	6	... Carried forward				£3162	3	6	£56	15	4

Subscriptions Paid. £	s.	d.		£	s.	d	Amount subscribed by each Congregation. £	s.	d	Amount subscribed in each Presbytery. £	s.	d.
3411	1	6	.. Brought forward ..				3462	3	6	56	15	4
			Islington—									
460	11	0	Subscriptions per last report ..	460	11	0						
3	0	0	Peter Lunt	5	0	0						
2	0	0	Richard Saunders	5	0	0						
4	0	0	Margaret Cameron	5	0	0						
1	0	0	J. G. Brown	5	0	0						
0	8	0	J. Killick	2	0	0						
0	8	0	A Friend	2	0	0						
1	12	0	Isabella Killick	2	0	0						
1	4	0	Wm. Thompson	2	0	0						
1	4	0	Jane Armstrong	2	0	0						
							490	11	0			
			Trinity, Prince's Park—									
101	5	0	Subscriptions per last report ..	101	5	0						
							101	5	0			
			Rockferry—									
1187	0	0	Subscriptions per last report ..	1187	0	0						
2	0	0	Mrs. Nicholson	5	0	0						
1	17	6	Mrs. Drummond	3	2	6						
							1195	2	6			
			Southport—									
20	0	0	Arthur Greer	50	0	0						
							50	0	0			
										5299	2	0
			Presbytery of London.									
			CROYDON.									
60	0	0	John Corry	100	0	0						
5	0	0	Wm. Mackray	5	0	0						
0	16	0	D. A. Croall	2	0	0						
							107	0	0			
			LEWES.									
10	0	0	Rev. J. Prentice	10	0	0						
							10	0	0			
			LONDON.									
			Belgrave—									
40	0	0	Patrick Adie	100	0	0						
37	0	0	Alec. Maclean	40	0	0						
							140	0	0			
			Camden Road—									
5	0	0	R. J. McMinn	5	0	0						
5	0	0	Alex. Clark, M.A.	5	0	0						
50	0	0	James S. Ness	50	0	0						
							60	0	0			
			Greenwich—									
250	0	0	Alexander Young	250	0	0						
250	0	0	John Harvey	250	0	0						
20	0	0	Thomas Marshall	20	0	0						
5	0	0	Lady Bannerman	5	0	0						
10	0	0	Samuel Law	50	0	0						
5	0	0	Mrs. W. Hume	12	0	0						
10	0	0	M. J.	50	0	0						
£5981	7	0	... Carried forward	£637	0	0	£317	0	0	£5355	17	4

Subscriptions Paid. £	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	Amount subscribed by each Congregation. £	s.	d.	Amount subscribed in each Presbytery. £	s.	d.
5981	7	0	.. Brought forward	637	0	0	317	0	0	5355	17	4
20	0	0	Robert Young	50	0	0						
100	0	0	Thomas Anderson	250	0	0						
0	10	0	A Friend	2	10	0						
							938	10	0			
			Hampstead—									
1361	1	0	Subscriptions per last report ..	1361	1	0						
100	0	0	John Johnston	100	0	0						
75	0	0	W. D. Anderson	100	0	0						
100	0	0	W. F. Malcolm	100	0	0						
25	0	0	R. A. Whytlaw	25	0	0						
20	0	0	A. M. Lawrence	25	0	0						
25	0	0	Andrew Drysdale	25	0	0						
10	0	0	Rev. J. Matheson	10	0	0						
10	0	0	Gilbert M'Caul	10	0	0						
10	0	0	W. Farquharson	10	0	0						
5	0	0	R. M. Moir	5	0	0						
0	8	0	Miss Morrison	2	0	0						
			Walter Brodie	2	0	0						
							1765	1	0			
			Islington—									
96	1	0	Subscriptions per last report ..	96	1	0						
80	0	0	Wm. Watson	100	0	0						
5	0	0	Wm. Carruthers	20	0	0						
8	0	0	G. Mathieson..	10	0	0						
4	0	0	Robert Haswell	10	0	0						
1	0	0	James Haswell	5	0	0						
0	10	0	Wm. Carpenter	5	0	0						
2	10	0	T. J. Gillman	5	0	0						
			Miss Cowan	2	0	0						
			John Ross	2	0	0						
0	16	0	E. Vanse	2	0	0						
0	16	0	D. J. Kinnear	2	0	0						
0	2	0	Wm. Naylor	1	0	0						
							260	1	0			
			Regent Square—									
2485	15	0	Subscriptions per last report ..	2485	15	0						
10	0	0	T. B. Ritchie	25	0	0						
1	0	0	Miss Welsh	5	0	0						
1	0	0	Mrs. Moyle	5	0	0						
5	0	0	E. A. Bertram	5	0	0						
2	0	0	Charles Grubb	5	0	0						
0	16	0	Ninian Merryless	2	0	0						
1	12	0	Mrs. McDonald	2	0	0						
							2534	15	0			
			St. John's Wood—									
1446	0	0	Subscriptions per last report ..	1446	0	0						
80	0	0	George Macnair	100	0	0						
30	0	0	John Potter	50	0	0						
1	1	0	Wm. Hay	5	0	0						
4	0	0	Patrick Reid	5	0	0						
1	12	0	Miss Dick	2	0	0						
1	0	0	George McLennan	1	5	0						
0	5	0	Hughina Mackay	1	5	0						
0	2	0	H. Sandilands	0	10	0						
0	4	0	Jane Tawse	0	10	0						
2	2	0	W. Smellie	2	2	0						
							1613	12	0			
£12115	10	0	.. Carried forward				..£7428	19	0	£5355	17	4

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12115	10	0	.. Brought forward				7428	19	0	5355	17	4
			Marylebone—									
75	0	0	W. A. Boulnois	125	0	0						
							125	0	0			
			MAIDSTONE.									
			Rev. J. Greener	0	5	0						
							0	5	0			
			SOUTHAMPTON.									
54	0	0	Subscriptions per last report ..	54	0	0						
5	0	0	Mr. Mullaly	25	0	0						
5	0	0	Sharp	25	0	0						
1	0	0	Mrs. Bing	5	0	0						
0	10	0	Mr. Douglas	2	10	0						
0	8	0	Hamilton..	2	0	0						
0	8	0	Sutherland	2	0	0						
0	8	0	Mrs. Farthing	2	0	0						
							117	10	0			
			TOTTENHAM.									
120	0	0	W. Melles	200	0	0						
15	0	0	Alex. Anderson	25	0	0						
							225	0	0			
										7896	14	0
			Presbytery of Manchester.									
			LEEDS.									
			Rev. John Clelland	2	0	0						
							2	0	0			
			MANCHESTER.									
			Grosvenor Square—									
875	0	0	Subscriptions per last report ..	875	0	0						
200	0	0	C. A. Stewart	500	0	0						
							1375	0	0			
			St. Andrew's—									
111	10	0	Subscriptions per last report ..	111	10	0						
2	0	0	James Fraser, M.D.	10	0	0						
1	5	0	Wm. Bacon	6	5	0						
3	0	0	Mrs. Varey	5	0	0						
1	15	0	Wm. Ferguson	5	0	0						
2	10	0	J. Flannigan	3	15	0						
1	4	0	James Arthur	2	0	0						
1	4	0	Mrs. Arthur	2	0	0						
							145	10	0			
			Trinity—									
281	0	0	Subscriptions per last report ..	281	0	0						
			John Stuart	500	0	0						
25	0	0	C. H.	125	0	0						
25	0	0	W. McFerran	50	0	0						
8	0	0	Andrew McIntosh	10	0	0						
4	0	0	Mr. Crichton	10	0	0						
2	0	0	Mrs. Pickup	5	0	0						
4	0	0	James Paterson	5	0	0						
3	0	0	N. McClinton	5	0	0						
0	10	0	James H. Ferguson	2	10	0						
1	10	0	T. Smith	2	10	0						
£13945	12	0	.. Carried forward	£996	0	0	£1522	10	0	£13252	11	4

Subscriptions Paid. £	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	Amount subscribed by each Congregation. £	s.	d.	Amount subscribed in each Presbytery. £	s.	d.
13945	12	0	.. Brought forward	996	0	0	1522	10	0	13252	11	4
0	10	0	Louis Wahlhâuse	1	5	0						
0	15	0	Miss Hastie	1	5	0						
0	1	0	Mrs. E. Limeburn	0	5	0						
							998	15	0			
			Sheffield—									
1	0	0	Rev. James Breakey	5	0	0						
							5	0	0			
										2526	5	0
			Presbytery of Newcastle.									
			HULL.									
20	0	0	Andrew Mount	100	0	0						
1	0	0	A. F. Waite	5	0	0						
							105	0	0			
			Newcastle, Barras Bridge—									
2	10	0	Collection				2	10	0			
			Newcastle, Trinity—									
22	0	0	Subscriptions per last report ..	22	0	0						
6	0	0	Richard Carr	15	0	0						
10	0	0	Wm. Sutton	10	0	0						
			George Irving	10	0	0						
			Wm. Jardine	5	0	0						
			John Nisbet	5	0	0						
			Andrew Foulton	5	0	0						
			A. H. MacBryde	5	0	0						
			R. Paterson	1	5	0						
							78	5	0			
			Newcastle, John Knox—									
40	0	0	Peter Mouat	50	0	0						
16	0	0	Walter Morrison	20	0	0						
8	0	0	Hugh Baird	10	0	0						
8	0	0	Rev. D. Lowe	10	0	0						
8	0	0	John Purvis	10	0	0						
8	0	0	Thomas Taylor	10	0	0						
8	0	0	J. C. Hinton	10	0	0						
4	0	0	J. C. Haliday	10	0	0						
4	0	0	John McFarlane	5	0	0						
4	0	0	Charles Watt	5	0	0						
4	0	0	John Hanlock	5	0	0						
1	0	0	James Lowe	2	10	0						
1	12	0	G. S. Thompson	2	0	0						
0	5	0	John Wilson	1	5	0						
0	5	0	Catherine Neilson	1	5	0						
							152	0	0			
			NORTH SHIELDS.									
20	0	0	Subscriptions per last report ..	20	0	0						
			John Hedley	200	0	0						
24	0	0	Alex. Scott, jun.	40	0	0						
6	0	0	Charles Tate	10	0	0						
6	0	0	George Avery Tate	10	0	0						
6	0	0	Rev. D. Tasker	10	0	0						
3	0	0	Mrs. Charles Tate	5	0	0						
3	0	0	William Harrison	5	0	0						
£14192	10	0	... Carried forward ..	£300	0	0	£337	15	0	£15778	16	4

Subscriptions Paid. £	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	Amount subscribed by each Congregation. £	s.	d.	Amount subscribed in each Presbytery £	s.	d.
14192	10	0	.. Brought forward	300	0	0	337	15	0	15778	16	4
3	0	0	Adam Traill	5	0	0						
3	0	0	Jos. Scorfield, jun.	5	0	0						
1	0	0	Miss H. Bengall	5	0	0						
3	0	0	W. T. Gledston	5	0	0						
1	10	0	Mrs. Wm. Harrison	2	10	0						
1	0	0	Thomas Prentice	2	10	0						
1	10	0	R. B. Turnbull	2	10	0						
1	4	0	Mitchell Fleming	2	0	0						
0	15	0	Mrs. Tait	1	5	0						
0	15	0	Miss Isabella Short	1	5	0						
0	15	0	Thomas Manson	1	5	0						
6	0	0	J. G. Swanson	10	0	0						
2	0	0	Robert Dewar..	5	0	0						
1	10	0	Mrs. Margaret Brown	2	10	0						
0	10	0	Jas. Hunter	2	10	0						
1	4	0	A. Oliver	2	0	0						
							355	5	0			
			SOUTH SHIELDS.									
			Laygate—									
778	2	0	Subscriptions per last report ..	778	2	0						
5	0	0	Mrs. McClelland	5	0	0						
0	12	0	L. Scott	3	0	0						
0	12	0	Andrew Wait	2	0	0						
							788	2	0			
			St. John's—									
20	0	0	Terrot Glover	25	0	0						
4	0	0	Rev. Jas. Mackenzie	5	0	0						
1	12	0	Andrew Reid	2	0	0						
0	8	0	William Brown	2	0	0						
1	12	0	Robert Young..	2	0	0						
0	10	0	George Tate	2	10	0						
							38	10	0			
			SUNDERLAND.									
			Monkwearmouth—									
93	0	0	Subscriptions per last report ..	93	0	0						
1	4	0	John Pinkney	2	0	0						
1	4	0	Thomas Eunson	2	0	0						
							97	0	0			
			St. George's—									
156	3	0	Subscriptions per last report ..	156	3	0						
8	0	0	T. R. Wilson	40	0	0						
5	3	0	Mrs. Halseo	5	5	0						
4	0	0	L. Coll	5	0	0						
1	0	0	J. H. Wake	2	10	0						
1	12	0	Thomas Alexander	2	0	0						
0	10	0	J. Haswell	1	5	0						
0	10	0	Kenneth McQueen	1	5	0						
0	6	0	Mrs. Burns	0	15	0						
0	10	0	Wilkinson Craig	0	12	6						
0	2	6	John Forgie	0	12	6						
0	5	0	Mrs. Clarke	0	12	6						
0	5	0	Ralph Dunn	0	12	6						
							216	12	6			
										1833	4	6
£15307	5	0	.. Carried forward							..£17612	0	10

Subscriptions Paid. £ s. d.		£ s. d.	Amount subscribed by each Congregation. £ s. d.	Amount subscribed in each Presbytery £ s. d.
15307 5 0	... Brought forward..		.. ..	17612 0 10
	Presbytery of Northumberland.			
	ALNWICK.			
1 6 6	Collection	1 6 6		
0 10 0	,, St. James's	0 10 0		
			1 16 6	
	BAVINGTON.			
5 0 0	Subscriptions per last report ..	..	5 0 0	
	BRANTON.			
2 0 6	Collection	..	2 0 6	
	CROOKHAM.			
0 7 0	Collection	..	0 7 0	
	FELTON.			
1 0 0	Collection	..	1 0 0	
	THROPTON.			
5 7 4	Collections	..	5 7 4	
	GLANTON.			
3 15 0	Collection	..	3 15 0	
	MORPETH.			
53 9 6	Sundry Subscriptions	..	100 0 0	
	WARENFORD.			
7 18 0	Sundry Subscriptions	..	7 18 0	
				127 4 4
1000 0 0	R. Barbour, of Bolesworth Castle	..	1000 0 0	
	FROM CHINA.			
4 4 0	Subscriptions per last report ..	..	4 4 0	
	Per Rev. R. H. Lundie—			
630 0 0	Subscriptions per last report ..	..	630 0 0	
	Per Geo. Duncan, Esq.—			
404 0 0	Subscriptions per last report ..	..	404 0 0	
	Per Wm. Ferguson, Esq.—			
2 0 0	G. Dunlop	..	2 0 0	
				2040 4 0
	Per Union Thanksgiving Fund—			
294 12 0	Contributions specially designated	..	294 12 0	
2500 0 0	Grant from Committee ..	..	2500 0 0	
				2794 12 0
20,222 14 10				
14 10	With Local Treasurers			£22,574 1 2
£20,222 0 0				

CONGREGATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Paid. £	s.	d.		Subscribed. £	s.	d.
16	1	0	Berwick	16	1	0
23	0	0	Birmingham, Broad Street	28	0	0
11	0	0	,, New John Street	11	13	4
1	1	0	Carlisle	1	1	0
30	5	0	Birkenhead, Hamilton	31	5	0
64	16	0	,, St. Andrew's	129	0	0
1246	10	0	Liverpool, Canning Street	1247	10	0
0	3	6	,, Everton Valley	0	3	6
2048	5	0	,, Fairfield	2054	5	0
475	7	0	,, Islington	490	11	0
101	5	0	,, Trinity, Prince's Park	101	5	0
1190	17	6	,, Rockferry	1195	2	6
20	0	0	,, Southport	50	0	0
65	16	0	Croydon	107	0	0
10	0	0	Lewes	10	0	0
77	0	0	London, Belgrave	140	0	0
60	0	0	,, Camden Road	60	0	0
670	10	0	,, Greenwich	938	10	0
1731	9	0	,, Hampstead	1765	1	0
198	15	0	,, Islington	260	1	0
75	0	0	,, Marylebone	125	0	0
2507	3	0	,, Regent Square	2534	15	0
1566	6	0	,, St. John's Wood	1613	12	0
			Maidstone	0	5	0
66	14	0	Southampton	117	10	0
135	0	0	Tottenham	225	0	0
			Leeds	2	0	0
1075	0	0	Manchester, Grosvenor Square	1375	0	0
124	8	0	,, St. Andrew's	145	10	0
355	6	0	,, Trinity	998	15	0
1	0	0	Sheffield	5	0	0
21	0	0	Hull	105	0	0
2	10	0	Barras Bridge	2	10	0
38	0	0	Newcastle, Trinity	78	5	0
115	2	0	,, John Knox	152	0	0
96	13	0	North Shields	355	5	0
784	6	0	South Shields, Laygate	788	2	0
28	2	0	,, St. John's	38	10	0
95	8	0	Sunderland, Monkwearmouth	97	0	0
178	6	0	,, St. George's	216	12	6
1	16	6	Alnwick	1	16	6
5	0	0	Bavington	5	0	0
2	0	6	Branton	2	0	6
0	7	0	Crookham	0	7	0
1	0	0	Felton	1	0	0
3	15	0	Glanton	3	15	0
53	9	6	Morpeth	100	0	0
5	7	4	Thropton	5	7	4
7	18	0	Warenford	7	18	0
2040	4	0	Individual Subscriptions	2040	4	0
2794	12	0	Union Thanksgiving Fund	2794	12	0
£20,222	14	10		£22,574	1	2

THOMAS HOLDER *and* STEPHEN

Dr. THE UNION THANKS

	Right Reserved to Allocate.	General Fund.	Designated Synod Schemes.	Designated Local Purposes.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balances in hand 6th April, 1878 ...	650 0 0	3659 19 6	5 0 0	277 0 0	4591 19 6
„ Amounts received from—					
Berwick Presbytery	...	1 0 0	...	...	1 0 0
Birmingham „	...	4 0 0	...	646 4 0	650 4 0
Bristol „	...	...	...	400 0 0	400 0 0
Carlisle „	...	27 10 6	2 10 0	5 0 0	35 0 6
Darlington „	...	16 0 0	...	751 18 10	767 18 10
Liverpool „	...	382 12 0	30 10 0	879 7 6	1292 9 6
London „	299 1 0	1381 17 5	999 1 0	6213 5 3	8893 4 8
Manchester „	250 0 0	120 18 8	5 0 0	2646 3 8	3022 2 4
Newcastle „	...	560 14 0	79 8 6	1172 1 0	1812 3 6
Northumberland Presbytery	...	4 19 7	...	50 0 0	54 19 7
„ General	...	10 0 0	10 0 0	...	20 0 0
„ Interest allowed by bank	...	119 8 11	...	...	119 8 11
	1199 1 0	6289 0 7	1131 9 6	13041 0 3	21660 11 4
To Balances brought down	650 0 0	2934 3 8	0 10 0	222 0 0	3806 13 8

E. & O. E.

THOMAS HOLDER,
S. WILLIAMSON, } *Treasurers.*

WILLIAMSON, *Joint Treasurers, in account with*

GIVING FUND. *Cr.*

	Right Reserved to Allocate	General Fund.	Designated Synod Schemes.	Designated Local Purposes.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Amounts received from London Presbytery in previous year in error—					
Church Extension	...	70 0 0	...	...	...
College Fund	...	20 0 0	...	...	...
Regent Square Church...	...	10 0 0	...	...	...
,, Grant by Committee for Liquidation of Debt	...	2850 0 0	...	...	...
,, Grant by Synod for Aberdare Church Building Fund	...	250 0 0	...	...	3200 0 0
,, Amounts, specially designated by Donors, for Synod Schemes—					
Church Extension	...	...	4 10 0	...	...
Theological Education	...	...	17 0 0	...	...
Foreign Missions	...	...	26 0 0	...	...
Jewish Missions...	...	...	5 0 0	...	52 10 0
,, Amounts specially designated by Doners for local purposes—					
Manchester Church Extension Fund...	...	...	...	20 0 0	...
New Church, Whalley Range, Manchester...	...	...	...	20 0 0	...
Prince's Road Church, Liverpool ...	...	...	...	10 0 0	...
St. Andrew's Church, Nottingham ...	...	...	...	10 0 0	60 0 0
,, Amounts disbursed by Presbyteries—					
Berwick	...	...	...	...	...
Birmingham	...	...	...	646 4 0	646 4 0
Bristol	...	...	...	400 0 0	400 0 0
Carlisle	...	...	...	...	...
Darlington	...	...	...	751 18 10	751 18 10
Liverpool...	...	...	...	879 7 6	879 7 6
London	299 1 0	...	999 1 0	6213 5 3	7511 7 3
Manchester	250 0 0	...	...	2646 3 8	2896 3 8
Newcastle	...	...	79 8 6	1172 1 0	1251 9 6
Northumberland...	...	...	...	50 0 0	50 0 0
	549 1 0	3200 0 0	1130 19 6	12819 0 3	17699 0 9
,, Charges—					
Per T. Hall, Manchester		41 15 8	...	...	154 16 11
,, Treasurer for Salaries, Printing, Postage, &c.		113 1 3			
,, Balances	650 0 0	2934 3 8	0 10 0	222 0 0	3806 13 8
	1199 1 0	6289 0 7	1131 9 6	13041 0 3	21660 11 4

LIVERPOOL, *2nd April*, 1879.

CUMMING ANDREWS,
THOMAS MOFFAT, } *Auditors.*

THOMAS HOLDER AND STEPHEN WILLIAMSON, *Joint-Treasurers, in Account with* THE LIQUIDATION OF DEBT FUND.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.
To Balance from Previous Account	3275	8	5
,, Grant by Committee from General Fund	2850	0	0
,, Interest allowed by Bank	44	5	3
	£6169	13	8
March 31. To Balance in hand	£2269	13	8

	£	s.	d.
By Grant to Bow Church, London	200	0	0
,, ,, Trinity, Rochdale	1000	0	0
,, ,, Plymouth	200	0	0
,, ,, Stratford, London	500	0	0
,, ,, Trinity, Norwich	100	0	0
,, ,, St. Andrew's, Woolwich	110	0	0
,, ,, ,, Nottingham	75	0	0
,, ,, Willington Quay, Newcastle	300	0	0
,, ,, Wolverhampton	80	0	0
,, ,, St. Nicholas, Shrewsbury	50	0	0
,, ,, Towlaw, Darlington	50	0	0
,, ,, Pendleton, Manchester	65	0	0
,, ,, Spring Bank, Hull	300	0	0
,, ,, Leicester	50	0	0
,, ,, Holderness Road, Hull	100	0	0
,, ,, Kensington, London	175	0	0
,, ,, North Middleton, Morpeth	45	0	0
,, ,, Aldershot	200	0	0
,, ,, Smethwick, Birmingham	100	0	0
,, ,, Ipswich	200	0	0
,, Balance	2269	13	8
	£6169	13	8

E. & O. E.

THOMAS HOLDER,
S. WILLIAMSON, } *Treasurers.*

THOMAS MOFFATT,
CUMMING ANDREWS, } *Auditors.*

Liverpool, 2nd April, 1879.

UNION THANKSGIVING FUND.

Treasurers' Statement.

UNION THANKSGIVING FUND.—

No.	NAME.	Total.	Right Reserved to Allocate.	General Fund.	Debt Liquidation.
	Presbytery of Berwick—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Ancroft Moor				
2	Beaumont Union				
3	Belford—Columba				
4	,, —Erskine				
5	Berwick—Bank Hill	2 0 0	...	2 0 0	...
6	,, —Church Street				
7	,, —Wallace Green	100 0 0	...	100 0 0	...
8	Chatton				
9	Crookham				
10	Etal				
11	Holy Island				
12	Horncliffe	5 0 0	...	5 0 0	...
13	Lowick				
14	Norham—North Church				
15	,, —South Church				
16	Spittal				
17	Tweedmouth				
		107 0 0	...	107 0 0	...
	Presbytery of Birmingham—				
18	Birmingham—Broad Street	540 0 0	...	75 0 0	...
19	,, —Camphill	270 16 0	...	...	...
20	,, —New John Street	236 0 0	...	...	...
21	,, —Smethwick	360 0 0	...	20 0 0	...
22	Burton-on-Trent				
23	Derby	200 0 0	...	...	...
24	Dudley				
25	Hanley	20 0 0	...	20 0 0	...
26	Leicester	400 0 0	...	...	...
27	Nottingham	440 6 6	...	...	...
28	Shrewsbury	319 11 6	...	50 0 0	...
29	Stafford	25 0 0	...	25 0 0	...
30	Wolverhampton	388 0 0	...	...	...
31	Worcester	499 17 4	...	...	...
32	Walsall	800 0 0	...	...	...
		4499 11 4	...	190 0 0	
	Presbytery of Bristol—				
33	Aberdare				
34	Bristol	100 0 0	65 0 0	35 0 0	...
35	Cardiff	231 18 6	...	...	...
36	Cheltenham				
37	Gloucester	8 0 0	...	...	...
38	Hereford				
39	Plymouth	409 14 4	...	...	...
	Carried forward	749 12 10	65 0 0	35 0 0	

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...	...	...	...	465 0 0	75 0 0	18
...	...	...	...	270 16 0	61 12 0	19
...	...	...	...	236 0 0	236 0 0	20
...	...	...	...	340 0 0	260 0 0	21
						22
...	...	...	...	200 0 0	70 0 0	23
						24
...	...	...	...	...	8 0 0	25
...	...	...	...	400 0 0	400 0 0	26
...	...	...	...	440 6 6	202 15 6	27
...	...	...	...	269 11 6	319 11 6	28
...	...	...	...	...	25 0 0	29
...	...	...	...	388 0 0	126 0 0	30
...	...	...	...	499 17 4	499 17 4	31
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...	...	...	...	4309 11 4	2383 16 4	
						33
...	...	...	...	...	35 0 0	34
...	5 0 0	10 0 0	...	216 18 6	166 3 0	35
						36
...	...	...	...	8 0 0	8 0 0	37
						38
...	...	...	...	409 14 4	400 0 0	39
	5 0 0	10 0 0		634 12 10	609 3 0	

No.	Name	Total.	Right Reserved to Allocate.	General Fund.	Debt Liquidation.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward .	749 12 10	65 0 0	35 0 0	
40	Swansea				
41	Torquay	373 10 8	...	...	...
42	Wyastone Leys. . . .				
		1123 3 6	65 0 0	35 0 0	...
	Presbytery of Carlisle—				
43	Bewcastle				
44	Brampton				
45	Carlisle—Warwick Road . .	54 8 0	...	20 0 0	...
46	,, —Fisher Street . .	30 0 0	...	5 0 0	...
47	Cleator Moor				
48	Great Salkeld				
49	Haltwhistle				
50	Maryport—John Street . .				
51	,, —Crosby Street . .	5 0 0	5 0 0	...	...
52	Penrith	78 5 0	30 0 0	26 9 11	...
53	Penruddock				
54	Whitehaven—Market Place .	65 12 6	...	8 10 6	...
55	,, —High Street. .				
56	Workington				
		233 5 6	35 0 0	60 0 5	...
	Presbytery of Darlington—				
57	Bishop Auckland . . .	25000 0 0	...	25000 0 0	...
58	Crook	10 0 0	...	10 0 0	...
59	Darlington	801 0 0	160 0 0	100 0 0	...
60	Mount Pleasant, Tudhoe . .				
61	Grimsby				
62	Hartlepool				
63	Harrogate				
64	Hull—Holderness Road . .	200 0 0	...	...	...
65	,, —Prospect Street . .	550 0 0	300 0 0	...	...
66	,, —Springbank . . .	200 0 0	...	...	...
67	Middlesborough . . .	393 0 0	...	...	...
68	Redcar				
69	Stockton—St. George's . .	2742 10 0	...	...	...
70	,, —St. Andrew's . .	35 0 0	...	35 0 0	...
71	Towlaw	101 18 10	...	...	...
72	West Hartlepool . . .	200 0 0	...	...	...
73	Whitby—Trinity . . .	456 15 0	...	...	...
74	York				
		30688 5 0	460 0 0	25145 0 0	...

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£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	5 0 0	10 0 0		634 12 10	609 3 0	40
...	...	...	...	373 10 8	373 10 8	41
						42
...	5 0 0	10 0 0	...	1008 3 6	982 13 8	
						43
						44
...	...	3 8 0	...	31 0 0	34 8 0	45
...	...	...	...	25 0 0	16 0 0	46
						47
						48
						49
						50
...	...	...	...	...	2 10 0	51
...	...	...	...	21 15 1	48 5 0	52
						53
20 0 0	...	5 0 0	...	32 2 0	42 1 0	54
						55
						56
20 0 0	...	8 8 0	...	109 17 1	143 4 0	
						57
...	...	...	...	...	5000 0 0	58
...	...	...	...	...	4 0 0	59
...	...	...	...	541 0 0	311 0 0	60
						61
						62
						63
...	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	64
...	...	...	...	250 0 0	250 0 0	65
...	...	...	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	66
...	...	...	...	393 0 0	233 0 0	67
						68
...	...	...	...	2742 10 0	485 9 6	69
...	...	...	...	...	21 0 0	70
...	...	...	...	101 18 10	101 18 10	71
...	...	...	...	200 0 0	50 0 0	72
...	...	...	...	456 15 0	230 5 0	73
						74
...	...	...	...	5083 5 0	7086 13 4	

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	Presbytery of Liverpool—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
75	Barrow-in-Furness				
76	Birkenhead—Claughton	2364 10 0	200 0 0	720 0 0	...
77	„ —Grange Road	479 0 5	...	60 5 0	...
78	„ —Hamilton	53 0 0	...	17 0 0	...
79	„ —St. Andrew's.	242 9 0	...	...	...
80	„ —Tranmere—St.Paul's	43 1 0	...	...	...
81	Chester				
82	Douglas	105 9 7	...	...	...
83	Egremont	3182 3 6	...	11 10 0	...
84	Liverpool—Canning Street	7027 12 6	50 0 0	1082 12 6	...
85	„ —Derby Road				
86	„ —Everton Valley	255 0 0	...	...	...
87	„ —Fairfield.	1675 3 0	...	270 10 6	...
88	„ —Hyslop Street.				
89	„ —Islington.	1000 0 0	...	...	...
90	„ —Mount Pleasant	4619 16 6	4314 8 6	305 8 0	...
91	„ —Prince's Park Road				
92	„ —Queen's Road.	510 0 0	10 0 0	...	...
93	„ —Shaw Street	5 0 0	...	...	...
94	„ —St. George's				
95	„ —St. Peter's	96 17 0	...	...	...
96	„ —Trinity	105 0 0	...	5 0 0	...
97	„ —Vauxhall Road				
98	Parkgate	25 0 0	20 0 0	...	...
99	Ramsay				
100	Rock Ferry	2830 0 0	1100 0 0	1650 0 0	...
101	Southport	600 17 0	...	...	...
102	St. Helen's	50 0 0	...	50 0 0	...
103	Sutton				
104	Waterloo				
105	R. P. Kerr	10 0 0	...	10 0 0	...
106	Ronald McDougall	250 0 0	...	...	...
		25529 19 6	5694 8 6	4182 6 0	...
	Presbytery of London—				
107	Alderney				
108	Aldershot	400 0 0	...	...	...
109	Aston Tirrold	10 0 0	...	10 0 0	...
110	Bournemouth	925 0 0	...	...	...
111	Brighton—Trinity				
112	„ —Queen's Road				
113	Canterbury				
114	Chatham				
115	Croydon	713 16 0	...	15 0 0	...
116	Demerara.				
117	Gravesend				
	Carried forward	2048 16 0		25 0 0	

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£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
						75
...	15 0 0	15 0 0	...	1414 10 0	1691 10 0	76
25 0 0	...	25 0 0	25 0 0	343 15 5	366 12 11	77
0 5 0	...	2 10 0	0 5 0	33 0 0	29 12 6	78
2 7 0	1 6 6	7 4 0	7 9 0	224 2 6	242 9 0	79
...	...	...	...	43 1 0	43 1 0	80
						81
...	...	...	...	105 9 7	...	82
...	...	...	...	3170 13 6	1467 17 6	83
100 0 0	...	100 0 0	...	5695 0 0	3477 12 6	84
						85
...	...	5 0 0	...	250 0 0	255 0 0	86
...	...	...	...	1404 12 6	1525 3 0	87
						88
...	...	...	...	1000 0 0	...	89
...	...	...	...	...	3105 13 4	90
						91
...	...	...	...	500 0 0	...	92
2 10 0	...	2 10 0	...	...	5 0 0	93
						94
5 0 0	...	...	...	91 17 0	32 0 0	95
...	...	75 0 0	25 0 0	...	105 0 0	96
						97
...	...	5 0 0	...	...	5 0 0	98
						99
...	...	...	...	80 0 0	2480 0 0	100
...	...	...	...	600 17 0	...	101
...	...	...	...	...	30 0 0	102
						103
						104
...	...	...	...	...	10 0 0	105
250 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	106
385 2 0	16 6 6	237 4 0	57 14 0	14956 18 6	14871 11 9	
						107
...	...	...	...	400 0 0	100 0 0	108
...	...	...	...	...	4 0 0	109
...	...	...	...	925 0 0	925 0 0	110
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						112
						113
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10 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0	...	658 16 0	448 16 0	115
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10 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0		1983 16 0	1477 16 0	

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		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward .	2048 16 0		25 0 0	
118	Guernsey				
119	Holybourne				
120	Ipswich	391 15 11	...	...	...
121	Jersey	12 0 0	...	12 0 0	...
122	Lewes	30 0 0	...	30 0 0	...
123	London—Belgrave . . .	150 0 0	...	...	...
124	,, —Bermondsey . .				
125	,, —Bow Road. . .	385 0 0	...	...	...
126	,, —Brockley . . .				
127	,, —Camberwell . .	757 17 0	...	7 7 0	...
128	,, —Camden Road . .	710 0 0	80 0 0	115 0 0	...
129	,, —Canonbury . .				
130	,, —Clapham Road . .	1774 14 0	...	811 18 6	...
131	,, —Clapton . . .	295 15 0	...	...	...
132	,, —Crouch Hill . .	1000 0 0	...	100 0 0	...
133	,, —Ealing . . .				
134	,, —East India Road .				
135	,, —Forest Hill . .	1441 10 1	1100 0 0	100 0 0	...
136	,, —Goldington Crescent .				
137	,, —Greenwich . .	471 5 6	...	215 0 0	...
138	,, —Hammersmith . .	790 5 8	...	...	...
139	,, —Hampstead . .	3055 14 6	60 0 0	2348 14 6	...
140	,, —Highbury . . .	713 15 0	90 0 0	558 15 0	...
141	,, —Islington . . .	1785 3 6	...	...	...
142	,, —Kensington . .	551 0 0	...	...	...
143	,, —Kingston-on-Thames .	110 0 0	...	...	...
144	,, —Marylebone . .	609 6 0	...	10 19 0	...
145	,, —Millwall . . .				
146	,, —New Barnet . .				
147	,, —Notting Hill . .	220 0 0	...	195 0 0	...
148	,, —Old St. Pancras . .				
149	,, —Regent Square . .	2901 17 6	...	1770 17 6	...
150	,, —St. John's Wood .	3565 18 0	...	2203 8 0	...
151	,, —South Kensington .	326 0 0	...	111 0 0	...
152	,, —Southwark . .				
153	,, —Stepney . . .				
154	,, —Stratford . . .	510 0 0	...	...	...
155	,, —Streatham . . .	500 15 5	...	1 15 5	...
156	,, —Tottenham . .	145 7 6	...	2 0 0	2 10
157	,, —Upper Norwood .				
158	,, —Victoria Docks . .	86 4 0	...	10 0 0	...
159	,, —Wandsworth . .				
160	,, —Westbourne Grove .	4050 0 0	...	...	...
161	,, —Whitfield . .				
162	,, —Willesden . . .	1000 0 0	...	...	...
163	,, —Wood Green . .				
164	,, —Woolwich, St. Andrew's	177 10 0	...	...	...
	Carried forward .	30567 10 7	1330 0 0	8628 14 11	2 10

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	...			...			...			...		391	15	11	391	15	11	120
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	...			...			...			...			...		5	0	0	122
	...			...		50	0	0		...		100	0	0		...		123
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	...			...			...			...		385	0	0	385	0	0	125
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	...			...			...			...		750	10	0	757	17	0	127
	...			...			...			...		515	0	0	490	0	0	128
																		129
30	0	0	50	0	0	250	0	0		...		632	15	6	1314	9	0	130
	...			...			...			...		295	15	0		...		131
100	0	0		...			...			...		800	0	0	800	0	0	132
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100	0	0	150	0	0	111	0	0	3	0	0	283	0	0	1138	10	6	139
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	...			...			...			...		551	0	0	551	0	0	142
	...			...			...			...		110	0	0	110	0	0	143
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	...			25	0	0	...			...			...		216	0	0	147
																		148
600	0	0		...			...			...		531	0	0	1745	13	6	149
350	0	0	310	0	0		...			...		702	10	0	1971	18	6	150
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	...			...			...			...		510	0	0	510	0	0	154
	...			...			...			...		499	0	0	483	5	5	155
1	6	0		...		0	15	0		...		138	16	6	116	17	6	156
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	...			...			...			...		76	4	0	3	4	0	158
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	...			...			...			...		1000	0	0	1000	0	0	162
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	...			...			...			...		177	10	0	177	10	0	164
1191	6	0	545	0	0	434	7	6	5	10	0	18430	2	2	17345	3	1	

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		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward .	30567	10	7	1330	0	0	8628	14	11	2	10	0
165	London—Woolwich New Road.	853	9	3									
166	Maidstone												
167	Norwich	300	0	0		...			...			...	
168	Portsmouth	128	0	0		...			...			...	
169	Reading												
170	Singapore.												
171	Silverhill, Hastings . . .												
172	Southampton—St. Andrew's .	43	3	6		...			...			...	
173	,, —St. Mary's, Woolston	238	5	3		...			...			...	
174	Withyham.												
175	Rev. Wm. Duffus, Swatow .	10	0	0		...		10	0	0		...	
176	,, Wm. Macgregor, Amoy .	10	0	0		...		10	0	0		...	
177	,, R. Gordon, Amoy . .	10	0	0		...		10	0	0		...	
178	Miss M. Douglas, Leamington .	10	0	0		...		10	0	0		...	
		32170	8	7	1330	0	0	8668	14	11	2	10	0
	Presbytery of Manchester—												
179	Blackburn—Mount Street. .	9	14	6		...		9	14	6		...	
180	,, —St. George's . .	674	6	0		...			...			...	
181	Bolton	125	0	0		...			...			...	
182	Bradford	7	4	2		...		7	4	2		...	
183	Crewe												
184	Leeds—Hanover Square . .	1039	8	0		...			...			...	
185	,, —St. Columba's . .	5	0	0		...		5	0	0		...	
186	Manchester—Ancoats . .	124	0	0		...			...			...	
187	,, —Bowden . .	519	11	0									
188	,, —Brunswick Street .	360	10	0	50	0	0	82	10	0		...	
189	,, —Coupland Street .												
190	,, —Grosvenor Square.	750	0	0	150	0	0	300	0	0		...	
191	,, —Higher Broughton	1000	0	0	1000	0	0		...			,,	
192	,, —Longsight . .												
193	,, —Pendleton . .	730	0	0		...			...			...	
194	,, —Sale . . .	3087	7	0	868	0	0		...			...	
195	,, —Salford. . .												
196	,, —St. Andrew's. .	440	15	0		...		100	5	0		...	
197	,, —Trinity . .	1331	7	10		...		622	15	0		...	
198	,, —Withington . .	329	1	0	250	0	0	54	1	0		...	
199	Ramsbottom	991	16	7		...			...			...	
200	Risley												
201	Rochdale.	2187	0	8		...			...			...	
202	Sheffield												
203	Stalybridge												
204	Tunley												
205	Warrington												
206	Wharton												
207	Wigan	1085	0	0		...			...			...	
	Carried forward .	14797	1	9	2318	0	0	1181	9	8			

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£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1191	6	0	545	0	0	431	7	6	5	10	0	18430	2	2	17345	3	1	
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	...			...			...			...		300	0	0	300	0	0	167
	...			...			...			...		128	0	0	128	0	0	168
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																		170
																		171
	...			...		43	3	6		...		...			43	3	6	172
	...			...			...			...		238	5	3	...			173
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	...			...			...			...		...			10	0	0	175
	...			...			...			...		...			10	0	0	176
	...			...			...			...		...			10	0	0	177
	...			...			...			...		...			10	0	0	178
1191	6	0	545	0	0	477	11	0	5	10	0	19949	16	8	18709	15	10	
	...			...			...			...		...			9	14	6	179
	...			...			...			...		674	6	0	140	2	6	180
	...			...			...			...		125	0	0	...			181
	...			...			...			...		...			7	4	2	182
																		183
	...			...			...			...		1039	8	0	204	8	8	184
	...			...			...			...		...			3	0	0	185
	...			...			...			...		124	0	0	25	0	0	186
												519	11	0	295	3	0	187
	...			...			...			...		228	0	0	188	17	0	188
																		189
	...			...			...			...		300	0	0	220	0	0	190
	...			...			...			...		...			...			191
																		192
	...			...			...			...		730	0	0	135	0	0	193
	...		2135	9	6		...			...		83	17	6	133	6	0	194
																		195
	...			...			...			...		340	10	0	135	5	0	196
	...			...			...			...		708	12	10	1217	2	10	197
	...			...		12	10	0		...		12	10	0	247	1	0	198
	...			...			...			...		991	16	7	991	16	7	199
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				2135	9	6		12	10	0			9149	12	7	6140	1	11	

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		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward .	14797 1 9	2318 0 0	1181 9 8	
208	Whalley Range . . .	1210 0 0	...	...	...
209	Geo. F. Barbour, Edinburgh .	250 0 0	...	150 0 0	...
210	J. B. McKerrow . . .	50 0 0	...	25 0 0	...
211	Collections at Public Meetings .	9 19 0	...	9 19 0	...
		16317 0 9	2318 0 0	1366 8 8	...
	Presbytery of Newcastle-upon-Tyne—				
212	Bellingham				
213	Blackhill				
214	Blyth—Bridge Street. . .				
215	„ —Waterloo Road . .				
216	Durham				
217	Falstone	250 0 0	...	...	...
218	Gateshead—Durham Road .				
219	„ —Ellison Street . .				
220	Hebburn				
221	Hexham	927 15 0	15 0 0	642 5 0	1 5 0
222	Houghton-le-Spring . . .				
223	Jarrow				
224	„				
225	Killingworth				
226	Newcastle—Barras Bridge. .	300 0 0	...	...	...
227	„ —Blackett Street .	586 0 0	...	430 0 0	...
228	„ —Byker . . .				
229	„ —Erskine Church .				
230	„ —John Knox . .	385 19 0	...	209 9 0	...
231	„ —Park Road . .				
232	„ —St. George's . .				
233	„ —Trinity . . .	1686 5 0	...	357 13 0	...
234	„ —Westmoreland Road	400 0 0	...	...	...
235	North Shields—Howard Street.				
236	„ —Northumberland Sq.	25 0 0	...	25 0 0	...
237	Seaton Burn				
238	Seaton Delaval. . . .				
239	South Shields—East Street .	50 0 0	...	...	...
240	„ —Laygate . .	2500 0 0	...	2400 0 0	...
241	„ —Mile End Road				
242	„ —St. John's. .	888 16 0	...	...	...
243	Stamfordham	27 0 0	...	...	...
244	Sunderland—Bethany . .				
245	„ —North Bridge Street	128 0 6	...	128 0 6	...
246	„ —St. George's. .	201 0 0	...	60 1 0	...
247	„ —St. Stephen's, Monkwearmouth				
248	„ —Smyrna . .	55 6 0	...	55 6 0	...
249	„ —Trinity. . .	437 18 2	...	...	...
	Carried forward .	8848 19 8	15 0 0	4307 14 6	1 5 0

FUND.—*Continued.*

Schemes Adopted by Synod.				Local Purposes.	Amounts paid or account d for to General Treasurer.	No.
Church Extension.	Theological Education	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.			
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	2135 9 6	12 10 0		9149 12 7	6140 1 11	
...	...	...	...	1210 0 0	...	208
...	...	...	...	100 0 0	250 0 0	209
...	...	...	...	25 0 0	20 0 0	210
...	...	...	...	...	9 19 0	211
...	2135 9 6	12 10 0	...	10484 12 7	6420 0 11	
						212
						213
						214
						215
						216
...	...	...	...	250 0 0	250 0 0	217
						218
						219
						220
...	1 0 0	...	...	268 5 0	915 0 0	221
						222
						223
						224
						225
...	...	...	...	300 0 0	300 0 0	226
...	...	10 10 0	10 10 0	135 0 0	153 4 0	227
						228
						229
10 0 0	10 0 0	6 0 0	...	150 10 0	173 8 0	230
						231
						232
...	...	...	...	1328 12 0	1083 8 6	233
...	...	...	...	400 0 0	400 0 0	234
						235
...	...	...	...	...	15 0 0	236
						237
						238
...	...	...	...	50 0 0	50 0 0	239
...	...	...	...	100 0 0	1500 0 0	240
						241
...	...	...	...	888 16 0	771 15 0	242
...	...	...	...	27 0 0	...	243
						244
...	...	...	...	...	83 4 6	245
12 10 0	...	...	...	128 9 0	92 9 0	246
						247
...	...	...	...	...	35 6 0	248
...	...	...	...	437 18 2	239 13 1	249
22 10 0	11 0 0	16 10 0	10 10 0	4464 10 2	6062 8 1	

No.	Name.	Total.	Right Reserved to Allocate.	General Fund.	Debt Liquidation.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward .	8848 19 8	15 0 0	4307 14 6	1 5 0
250	Swalwell				
251	Walker	179 0 0	...	...	...
252	Wallsend	750 0 0	...	500 0 0	...
253	Wark	46 10 0	...	31 10 0	...
254	Wellington Quay . . .	300 0 0	...	...	...
255	Gosforth	250 0 0	...	...	...
256	Presbytery Scholarship Fund .	200 16 6	...	...	...
		10575 6 2	15 0 0	4839 4 6	1 5 0
	Presbytery of Northumberland—				
257	Alnwick—Clayport Street . .				
258	„ —Lisburn Street . .				
259	„ —St. James's . .	10 10 0	...	10 10 0	...
260	Bavington				
261	Bedlington				
262	Birdhopecraig				
263	Branton	26 0 0	...	1 0 0	...
264	Embleton.				
265	Felton				
266	Glanton				
267	Harbottle				
268	Longframlington . . .				
269	Morpeth	146 12 6	...	...	...
270	Newbiggin				
271	North Middleton . . .	45 0 0	...	...	...
272	North Sunderland—West Church				
273	„ —East Church				
274	Otterburn.				
275	Thropton				
276	Warenford	25 11 9	...	...	...
277	Warkworth				
278	Widdrington				
279	Wooler—Cheviot Street . .				
280	„ —Tower Hill . .				
281	„ —West Chapel . .	2 17 7	...	2 17 7	...
		256 11 10	...	14 7 7	...
282	Robert Barbour . . .	12500 0 0	...	...	...
283	Rev. J. Barclay, Formosa . .	30 0 0	...	30 0 0	...
284	Dr. Lawrie, Appin . . .	10 0 0	...	10 0 0	...
285	Rev. Peter Mearns, Coldstream	1 1 0	...	1 1 0	...
286	Rev. George Wilson, Glenluce .	1 0 0	...	1 0 0	...
287	Dr. Wm. Gould, Swatow . .	10 0 0	...	...	...
		12552 1 0	...	42 1 0	...

FUND.—*Continued.*

Schemes Adopted by Synod.				Local Purposes.	Amounts paid or accounted for to General Treasurer.	No.
Church Extension.	Theological Education.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.			
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
22 10 0	11 0 0	16 10 0	10 10 0	4464 10 2	6062 8 1	
						250
...	...	...	...	179 0 0	167 15 0	251
...	250 0 0	...	...	...	450 0 0	252
...	...	...	...	15 0 0	28 10 0	253
...	...	...	...	300 0 0	300 0 0	254
...	...	...	...	250 0 0	200 0 0	255
...	200 16 6	...	...	...	200 16 6	256
22 10 0	461 16 6	16 10 0	10 10 0	5208 10 2	7409 9 7	
						257
						258
...	...	...	...	...	6 6 0	259
						260
						261
						262
...	...	...	...	25 0 0	16 0 0	263
						264
						265
						266
						267
						268
...	...	...	...	146 12 6	30 0 0	269
						270
...	...	...	...	45 0 0	45 0 0	271
						272
						273
						274
						275
...	...	...	...	25 11 9	25 11 9	276
						277
						278
						279
						280
...	...	...	...	...	2 17 7	281
...	...	...	...	242 4 3	125 15 4	
...	12500 0 0	...	...	...	12500 0 0	282
...	...	...	...	...	30 0 0	283
...	...	...	...	...	10 0 0	284
...	...	...	...	...	1 1 0	285
...	...	...	...	...	1 0 0	286
...	5 0 0	...	5 0 0	...	10 0 0	287
...	12505 0 0	...	5 0 0	...	12552 1 0	

RECAPITULATION.

No.	Name.	Total.	Right Reserved to Allocate.	General Fund.	Debt Liquidation.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Berwick Presbytery . . .	107 0 0	...	107 0 0	...
2	Birmingham ,, . . .	4499 11 4	...	190 0 0	...
3	Bristol ,, . . .	1123 3 6	65 0 0	35 0 0	...
4	Carlisle ,, . . .	233 5 6	35 0 0	60 0 5	...
5	Darlington ,, . . .	30688 5 0	460 0 0	25145 0 0	...
6	Liverpool ,, . . .	25529 19 6	5694 8 6	4182 6 0	...
7	London ,, . . .	32170 8 7	1330 0 0	8668 14 11	2 10 0
8	Manchester ,, . . .	16317 0 9	2318 0 0	1366 8 8	...
9	Newcastle ,, . . .	10575 6 2	15 0 0	4839 4 6	1 5 0
10	Northumberland Presbytery .	256 11 10	...	14 7 7	...
11	General	12552 1 0	...	42 1 0	...
		134052 13 2	9917 8 6	44650 3 1	3 15 0

RECAPITULATION.

Schemes Adopted by Synod.				Local Purposes.	Amounts paid or accounted for to General Treasurer.	No.
Church Extension.	Theological Education.	Foreign Missions.	Jewish Mission.			
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
...	...	...	...	...	104 0 0	1
...	...	...	...	4309 11 4	2383 16 4	2
...	5 0 0	10 0 0	...	1008 3 6	982 13 8	3
20 0 0	...	8 8 0	...	109 17 1	143 4 0	4
...	...	...	...	5083 5 0	7086 13 4	5
385 2 0	16 6 6	237 4 0	57 14 0	14956 18 6	14871 11 9	6
1191 6 0	545 0 0	477 11 0	5 10 0	19949 16 8	18712 15 10	7
...	2135 9 6	12 10 0	...	10484 12 7	6420 0 11	8
22 10 0	461 16 6	16 10 0	10 10 0	5208 10 2	7409 9 7	9
...	...	...	...	242 4 3	125 15 4	10
...	12505 0 0	...	5 0 0	...	12552 1 0	11
1618 18 0	15668 12 6	762 3 0	78 14 0	61352 19 1	70791 11 9	

THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE *in Account with the* TREASURER FOR 1878.

Dr.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance from 1877		... ...	121 10 3
Cost of Interchange of Periodicals with U. P. Ministers in Scotland.			
,, "Messengers"	20 2 9		
,, "Children's Messenger" ...	10 1 5		
,, Postage and Wrappers ...	20 0 3		
		50 4 5	
Less received from Treasurer of U. P. Church		14 3 4	
			35 16 1
"Gospel Messenger."			
,, Amount paid for Printing and Paper ...		33 4 5	
,, Less received from Sales		23 10 11	
			9 13 6
Charges.			
,, Working Expenses		23 1 9	
,, Interest on Loans		16 13 11	
			39 15 8
Arrears.			
,, Accounts rendered but not yet paid			92 17 4
,, Balance carried down			67 19 10
			£367 12 8
,, Loss by George Taylor, including Lawyer's charges ...			194 2 8

Cr.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Cheque from Synod Treasurer			121 10 4
Capital Account.			
,, Collections	102 12 10		
,, Arrears of 1877, since paid ...	6 13 6		
,, Cash received for part of Stock on hand sold	4 0 8		
		113 7 0	
Less Cost of Circulars advising Synod's Authorisation for Collection		19 6 6	
			94 0 6
"Messenger."			
,, Received for Copies sold ...	530 12 6		
,, ,, Advertisements ...	92 3 6		
,, ,, from Sustentation Fund ...	12 0 0		
		634 15 7	
,, Paid for Printing	273 4 0		
,, ,, Paper	313 3 2		
,, ,, Title-page	4 10 0		
,, ,, Editing less Corrections ...	41 7 2		
		632 4 4	
			2 11 3
"Children's Messenger."			
,, Received for Copies sold ...	350 7 1		
,, ,, from Foreign Missions for extra matter in May number ...	25 14 11		
		376 02	
,, Paid for Printing	135 16 9		
,, ,, Paper	177 9 6		
,, ,, Binding	6 2 6		
		319 8 9	
			56 13 3
,, Arrears carried forward to 1879 *per Contra*		... ...	92 17 4
			£367 12 8
,, Balance brought down		... ...	67 19 10

E. & O. E.

WILLIAM F. G. BLAIKIE, *Treasurer.*

London, 1st April, 1879.

THE TREASURER OF THE SYNOD FUND *in Account with the* SYNOD.

Dr. *Cr.*

1878.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash received from the undermentioned Presbyteries, viz.:—						
Berwick	18	14	0			
Birmingham	39	19	6			
Bristol	20	0	0			
Carlisle	24	8	0			
Darlington	35	15	0			
Liverpool	184	6	5			
London	295	10	0			
Manchester	135	10	7			
Newcastle-on-Tyne	147	0	0			
Northumberland	72	11	0			
				973	14	6
Cash received from Sale of Blue-Books				18	2	0
Balance due to Treasurer				4	11	0
				£996	7	6

Audited and found correct,
JOHN H. PETRIE.

1878.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last account				40	19	7
Payment of Travelling Expenses of Ministers and Elders to Meeting of Synod in Manchester, viz.:—						
Berwick	23	3	0			
Birmingham	27	11	4			
Bristol	18	19	10			
Carlisle	27	12	8			
Darlington	39	3	2			
Liverpool	37	9	0			
London	146	18	6			
Manchester	15	6	8			
Newcastle-on-Tyne	83	13	8			
Northumberland	39	0	0			
				458	17	10
Payment of Travelling Expenses to Professors and Missionaries				8	8	0
Deputations to Free Church	13	3	0			
,, Irish ,,	9	0	0			
,, United Presbyterian	30	13	6			
,, Welsh ,,	4	10	0			
,, Belgian Synod	5	0	0			
,, Leeds Commission	5	0	8			
,, Council	14	16	5			
,, Preachers, &c.	3	9	0			
				85	12	7
Honorarium and Allowance to Clerk of Synod				80	0	0
Committee on Statistics				17	5	6
Publications Committee				121	10	4
Printing Reports, Actings, Proceedings, &c.				109	13	0
Incidental Expenses				16	8	8
Copying Minutes				26	17	10
Proportion of Office Charges to 31st December, 1878				30	14	2
				£996	7	6

JAMES WATSON, *Treasurer.*

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS FOR SYNODICAL FUNDS.

				£	s.	d.
Foreign Missions				9502	0	5
Sustentation Fund:—						
Aid from Congregations, and Donations	£5364	2	0			
Aid from Scottish Subsidy	500	0	0			
Aid from Reserve Fund	2000	0	0			
				7864	2	0
College Fund				2653	14	2
Home Mission				2493	12	6
Widows and Orphans Fund				2397	15	9
Synod Fund				955	7	11
Jewish Mission				793	11	1
Church Building and Debt Extinction				512	16	4
Scholarships				472	12	1
Aged and Infirm Ministers				277	14	2
Continental Churches				274	0	4
Synod Schools				204	4	10
Publications				102	12	10
Union Thanksgiving Fund not included in any of above Schemes				844	18	11
				£29,349	3	4

OFFICE CHARGES *in Account with the* TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Dr. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Furniture	59	11	0			
,, Stationery	24	6	5			
,, Rent, Cleaning, and Fires	52	15	3			
,, Salaries	502	12	0			
,, Postages	36	17	3			
,, Financial Secretary's Guarantee	11	14	0			
,, Advertising	1	10	0			
,, Altering Meter	1	8	6			
,, Sundry Petty Expenses	8	13	3			
				699	7	8
Less Interest from Sustentation Fund ...	6	6	0			
,, ,, Home Mission ...	6	1	3			
				12	7	3
				687	0	5
Special Expenditure charged to Foreign Missions *per Contra*	4	10	0			
Sustentation Fund *per Contra*	11	18	11			
				16	8	11
				£703	9	4

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Sustentation Fund	50%	343	10	3			
,, ,, ,, *per Contra*		11	18	11			
					355	9	2
,, Home Mission	10%	...		..	68	14	1
,, Foreign Mission	18%	123	13	4			
,, ,, ,, *per Contra*		4	10	0			
					128	3	4
,, College	6%	...		...	41	4	5
,, Synod Fund	6%	...		...	41	4	5
,, Jewish Mission	3%	...		...	20	12	3
,, Church Building and Debt Extinction	3%	...		...	20	12	3
,, Widows and Orphans Fund ...	2%	...		...	13	14	9
,, Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund.	1%	...		...	6	17	4
,, Continental Churches	½%	...		..	3	8	8
,, Schools	½%	...		...	3	8	8
	100%						
					£703	9	4

Examined and found correct,

T. D. THOMSON,
ROBERT STARK, } *Auditors.*

E. & O. E. *15th March*, 1879.

JNO. LEGGAT,
Financial Secretary.

OVERTURES, &c.

I. Barbour Chair.

At Berwick-on-Tweed, the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight years, which time and place the Presbytery of Berwick being met and duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

"It was moved by Rev. Mr. Valence, according to notice given, that the Presbytery send up the name of the Rev. Gavin Carlyle, M.A., as that of a gentleman eminently qualified for the Barbour Chair."

The Motion was seconded by Rev. Mr. Craig, and agreed to.

Extracted from the Records of the Berwick Presbytery by

Andrew Cant, *Pres. Clerk.*

At Wallace Green Church, Berwick-on-Tweed, the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine years, which place and time the Berwick Presbytery met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

"Pursuant to the notice given at last meeting, Rev. Dr. Macnair moved that the name of the Rev. William Graham, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, be sent up to the College Committee as a gentleman well qualified for the Chair of Apologetics and Pastoral Theology."

The Motion was seconded by Rev. William Porteous, and agreed to.

Extracted from the Records of the Berwick Presbytery by

Andrew Cant, *Pres. Clerk.*

The College Hall, Queen Square House, April eighth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, at which time and place the Presbytery of London met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, and seconded by the Rev. Dr. MacEwan, as follows, viz.—

"That the name of the Rev. Dr. Patton, of Chicago, be sent up to the next Synod as that of a person qualified to occupy the Barbour Chair in the Theological College of this Church."

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Drummond, and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Boyd, as follows, viz.—

"That Dr. Patton's name be not sent up to the Synod."

After reasoning, the Presbytery resolved to go to the vote, the question being, Motion or Amendment; the Motion being that of Dr. Fraser, the Amendment that of Dr. Drummond; when there voted, for the Amendment, 7; and for the Motion, 32.

Wherefore the Presbytery did, and hereby do, resolve in terms of the Motion, and the name of Dr. Patton is transmitted accordingly.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

At Manchester, the sixth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine years, which time and place the Presbytery of Manchester being met and duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

"The Rev. Dr. Grosart moved, agreeably to notice previously given, that the name of the Rev. William Graham, of Liverpool, be transmitted by this Presbytery for the Barbour Chair."

The Motion was seconded by the Rev. A. H. Drysdale, and agreed to.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Manchester by

JOHN GORDON, *Pres. Clerk.*

At Manchester, the third day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine years, which time and place the Presbytery of Manchester being met and duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

"The Rev. W. R. Murray, agreeably to notice previously given, moved the following resolution—that the name of the Rev. Alexander M'Leod, D.D., of Birkenhead, be transmitted by this Presbytery for the Barbour Chair."

The Motion was seconded by the Rev. A. Macarthur, and agreed to.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Manchester by

JOHN GORDON, *Pres. Clerk.*

At Camp Hill, Birmingham, the seventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine years, which time and place the Presbytery of Birmingham being met and duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

Mr. Dougherty moved the adoption of the following Overture:—

"It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Birmingham to the Venerable the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to be held in London in April next, to take into consideration the propriety of postponing a permanent appointment to the Barbour Chair, and of authorising the College Committee to continue the temporary arrangement for the discharge of the duties of the Chair, which has already been proved to work satisfactorily." The Motion was seconded by Mr. Thorburn.

It was moved by Mr. Henshelwood, and seconded by the Clerk, that the Overture be not adopted.

On a division, the Overture was adopted by a majority of seven to four. The mover and seconder were appointed to support it in the Synod.

Extracted from the Minutes by

A. M. DALRYMPLE, *Pres. Clerk.*

Common Hall, Liverpool, ninth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, years, the which day and place the Presbytery of Liverpool met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

The Clerk gave in the report of the Committee on the Overture anent the College Curriculum, recommending that the Overture run as follows:—

"Whereas it is for the good of the Church that the curriculum of study in our Theological College be revised from time to time, and as need arises; whereas, through the vacancy of one of the Chairs, a favourable opportunity presents itself for making some change in the direction afterwards indicated; whereas the subjects assigned to the Barbour Chair, besides not being cognate, bulk too largely in the course to the exclusion of other subjects of great importance, such as the study of the English Bible, and Practical Training, which find little or no place in the present Theological curriculum: It is humbly overtured by the Rev. the Presbytery of Liverpool to the Very Rev. the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to meet in London in April next, to take the whole subject into their consideration, postpone the appointment of a Professor to the Barbour Chair, and for the present make provision through lectureships or otherwise, for teaching the subjects assigned to the Barbour Chair along with the study of the English Bible and Practical Training."

On the motion of the Clerk, the Presbytery, after deliberation, unanimously agreed to transmit the Overture, and the Clerk and Mr. Samuel Smith were appointed to support the same at the bar of the Synod.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Liverpool by

GEORGE JOHNSTONE, *Pres. Clerk.*

At George's Church, Morpeth, December tenth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, which day and place the Presbytery of Northumberland met and was duly constituted. W. Ross, Moderator *pro tem.*

Inter alia,—

"Mr. Addison proceeded with the motion he gave notice of at last meeting regarding the Barbour Chair, and with the leave of the Presbytery made an addition to it, so that it now stands as follows, 'that the Chair be held in Commission in the meantime, and that the College Committee be empowered to make competent provision for the teaching of the subjects delegated to the Chair, by the appointment of Lecturers *ad interim*.'"

The Motion was agreed to, and the Clerk was instructed to send an extract to the Clerk of Synod.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Northumberland by

JAMES BLYTHE, *Pres. Clerk.*

II. Mutual Eligibility.

The College Hall, Queen Square House, the fourteenth day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine years, at which time and place the Presbytery of London met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

The Rev. Dr. Wright having obtained leave to modify the terms of the Overture of which he gave notice at last Ordinary Meeting, moved that it be transmitted to the Synod in the following terms, viz. :—

"Whereas it is desirable that the essential unity of the Presbyterian Church be more fully recognised It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of London to the Very Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to meet at London in the month of April next ensuing, that the Synod consider the propriety of declaring that the Ministers holding pastoral charges, and Probationers of all Presbyterian Churches whose centre of operations is within the British Empire, and whose Doctrinal Standard is the Westminster Confession of Faith, shall be eligible to Ministerial charges in this Church."

This Motion was seconded by the Rev. R. Taylor.

It was moved by Mr. G. B. Bruce, that the Overture be not transmitted.

This motion was seconded by Professor Gibb.

After reasoning, the Presbytery resolved to proceed to the vote; the question being, transmit, or not transmit? when there voted transmit, thirty; and not transmit, seven; whereupon the Presbytery resolved that the overture be transmitted, and it was transmitted accordingly; and the Rev. Dr. Wright was appointed to appear in support of it before the Synod.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of London by

William Ballantyne, *Pres. Clerk.*

At Bristol, the eighth day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine years, at which time and place the Presbytery of Bristol being met and duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

It was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Mr. More, of Cheltenham, to overture the Synod as follows, viz. :—

"Whereas there are wide diversities of opinion amongst ourselves on the question of Church Establishments, and whereas Churches with which we are on terms of 'Mutual Eligibility' are at present placed in a peculiar position with reference to this question: It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Bristol to the Synod appointed to meet in London on Monday the twenty-first day of this month, to take these premises into serious consideration, and to give effect to them by declaring that it is inexpedient to extend the existing limits wherein Ministers are eligible for charges within this Church."

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Bristol by

W. G. McAllan, *Clerk.*

III. Synodical Arrangements.

The College Hall, Queen Square House, the tenth day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight years, at which time and place the Presbytery of London met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

Pursuant to notice, Rev. Dr. Moore moved that the following Overture be transmitted to the Synod, viz. :—

" Whereas the present Synodical Arrangements seem scarcely adequate for the requirements of the Church: It is humbly overtured by the Presbytery of London to the Venerable the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England appointed to meet in April next, to take the matter into consideration, for the purpose of ascertaining whether any beneficial changes could be introduced into the existing system."

The Motion was seconded by the Rev. Dr. Edmond, and agreed to.

The Overture was transmitted accordingly, and Dr. Moore and Dr. Edmond were appointed to appear in support of it at the Synod.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of London by

WILLIAM BALLANTYNE, *Pres. Clerk.*

IV. REV. J. M. ROSS.

At Wallace Green Church, Berwick-on-Tweed, the third day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight years, which time and place the Presbytery of Berwick being met and duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

The Rev. Peter Valence moved that the following Overture be adopted and transmitted to the Synod:—

" Whereas it is alleged that the decision of last Synod anent the General Secretaryship was unjust and grievously injurious to the Rev. John M. Ross:

" Whereas Mr. Ross alleges that he has been personally aggrieved and seriously injured by said decision:

" Whereas it is alleged that said decision has caused much dissatisfaction in the Church:

" And whereas it is not for the welfare of the Church that such allegations, tending to throw doubt upon the justice and impartiality of the Supreme Court, should pass unnoticed:

" It is hereby humbled overtured by the Presbytery of Berwick to the Venerable the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to be held in London on the twenty-first day of April next, to take the premises into due consideration, and to adopt such measures thereanent as to its wisdom shall seem meet."

The motion was seconded by Dr. Macnair and unanimously agreed to, and the Revs. Mr. Valence and Dr. Macnair were appointed to support it.

Extracted from the Records of the Berwick Presbytery, this eighth day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine years, by

ANDREW CANT, *Pres. Clerk.*

V. INTEMPERANCE.

At Berwick-on-Tweed, the twenty-fifth day of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine years, which time and place the Presbytery of Berwick being met and duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

Pursuant to notice given, Rev. Mr. Smith moved the transmission of the following Overture to the next Synod:—

" Whereas the sin of Intemperance is admitted to be one of the greatest evils of our age:

" Whereas it is a startling fact that this evil has entered into nearly every family in the land, in its near or more remote relationship, and has been the fertile cause of much grief to the families afflicted thereby:

" Whereas it is acknowledged to be an evil which is causing great pain and sorrow throughout the whole Church, is bringing much dishonour on Christ s cause, and is proving one of the greatest hindrances to Christian work:

"Whereas this sin is now forcing itself on the attention of the country:
"And whereas the Christian Church is fitted to wield a great and salutary influence in dealing with this evil:
"It is humbly overtured by the Berwick Presbytery to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, indicted to meet in London on the twenty-first day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine years, that the Synod take into consideration this important subject; and it is suggested that in addition to the recommendations of the Committee on Intemperance, the Synod send down the whole subject to Presbyteries and Sessions, recommending them to meet for conference and prayer in connection with this great evil, and to send up any suggestions they think fit to next meeting of Synod."

The Presbytery unanimously and cordially agreed to adopt and transmit the Overture, and Revs. Mr. Smith and Dr. Macnair, with Mr. Willits, Elder, were appointed to support it before the Synod.

Extracted from the Records of the Berwick Presbytery, this eighth day of April eighteen hundred and seventy-nine years, by

ANDREW CANT, *Pres. Clerk.*

VI. EVANGELISTIC WORK.

At Cheltenham, the eleventh day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine years, at which time and place the Presbytery of Bristol met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia,—

It was agreed to adopt and transmit the following Overture on Evangelistic Work to the Synod, Messrs. McAllan and More were appointed to support it.

"Whereas it is the aim of the Presbyterian Church of England to preach the Gospel in every part of the land, and to establish a Church which shall be Scriptural in doctrine, and Apostolic in its constitution and practice; and whereas the present means employed are not sufficiently adapted to effect that purpose: The Presbytery of Bristol humbly overture the Venerable the Synod of the Presbyterian Church to consider whether additional and less expensive methods may not also be employed to realise the purposes of this Church."

Extracted from the Presbytery Records by

PETER RUTHERFORD, *Clerk.*

REFERENCE TO THE SYNOD.

At Carlisle, the first day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine years, at which day and place the Presbytery of Carlisle met and was constituted.

Inter alia,—

"At the request of the session of Workington, it was agreed to ask permission from the Synod to sell the present Manse site at Workington, it being understood that the proceeds shall be applied to the purchase of a site in another part of the town."

Extracted from the Records by

JAMES CHRISTIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

PETITION OF JOHN M. ROSS, MINISTER.

To the Very Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England, *indicted to meet in London on the twenty-first day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine years.*

The Petition of your Petitioner humbly sheweth, that the decision of the last Synod, 1878, in regard to certain "Sustentation Fund Work," and the appointment of a General Secretary, resulting in your Petitioner's displacement, or assumed displacement, from the office of "Sustentation Fund Secretary," to which he was appointed in 1873, with a tenure of office equivalent to that of the pastorate from which he was, on the Synod's own motion, removed, that he might occupy the said office of Sustentation Fund Secretary; involves, in the humble opinion of your Petitioner, a grave miscarriage of justice; and has inflicted upon him and his family, in the circumstances of the case, a grievous wrong, which no minute of Synod, recognising his past services nor proffered compensation, can counteract; that your Petitioner, therefore, prays your very Reverend Court to take these premises into consideration, and review and give judgment on the case for the following among other reasons, viz. :—

1. Because the treatment to which your Petitioner has been subjected by the decision in question and otherwise, implies, in the judgment of your Petitioner, a grave violation of honourable compact and a setting aside without cause of the "use and wont" in such cases within the Presbyterian Church.

2. Because of the comparative unacquaintance on the part of a considerable section of last Synod with the conditions upon which your Petitioner's appointment, in both the first and second instances—in 1872 and 1873— was not only offered to him unsolicited, but pressed upon him, and ultimately accepted by him.

3. Because of the sudden and unexpected interference with your Petitioner's position, notwithstanding previous assurances given to his friends by the chief parties moving in the matter that no such interference would be attempted, thus preventing steps being taken to enlighten the Church as to the facts of the case.

4. Because of the Synod's resolution limiting the discussion in the case to movers and seconders of the motions, thereby preventing a statement of the circumstances touching your Petitioner's appointment by the persons most acquainted with them.

5. Because of misdirection, and because of the unfounded and damaging allegations made by a member of Synod touching your Petitioner's bearing toward members of the Sustentation Fund Committee in meeting assembled, which allegations, although instantly retracted when it was demanded that they should be taken down, yet had determined, as was learned afterwards, the adverse character of the votes of not a few members who had no intimate personal knowledge of your Petitioner.

6. Because of the refusal of a request that your Petitioner should be heard, seeing his position had been so unexpectedly assailed, and his conduct so unjustly aspersed. For although the truth of the allegations complained of was, your Petitioner understands, emphatically denied by one of the conveners of the Sustentation Fund Committee next morning, and in a manner apologised for by the maker of them, yet the denial and the apology came too late.

7. Because of the way in which the vote was proceeded with, which deprived 85 members out of 197 present of their right of recording their votes as between two candidates.

8. Because of the anonymous character of the voting, which afforded no means whatever of testing the validity of the votes tendered.

9. Because of the indefinite character of the resolution of 1st May, 1878, providing that the Sustentation Fund work be included in the duties of the office of General Secretary, as bearing upon your Petitioner's position, from which it was merely assumed on the last day of the Synod, in the resolutions relating to him, that he had been displaced—a resolution so couched that his friends in voting for it did so believing they were assisting the Synod in at length honourably fulfilling the conditions upon which he had been persuaded to undertake the work of organising the Sustentation Fund in 1872, and which up to this day have not been fulfilled.

10. Because it is impossible to effect the attempted displacement in the circumstances of your Petitioner's appointment and occupancy of his office for the long period of six years of admittedly successful work—the more because of its very success—without inflicting upon him and upon his family the greatest possible injury, in so, by implication, discrediting him in the eyes of the Church and of the Presbyterian community of the country, to the destruction of his usefulness and means of support. For no minuted testimony in your Petitioner's favour nor proffered charitable allowance from the movers in this matter will, in the circumstance, either neutralise or counteract the baneful effects to him of the adoption of so extraordinary a course in regard to him, even although that course was adopted only by a fragment of the Synod at midnight, and then only by thirteen of a majority.

11. Because the Synod, in so far as it was guided by economical considerations in coming to the decision it did, was unacquainted with an important element in the case, viz., one of the objects your Petitioner's personal friend, the late Mr. William Muter, had in view of leaving a legacy of not less, it is expected, than £20,000 to our Sustentation Fund. That object will be found stated in the following terms, in a letter to the *Weekly Review* of June 8, 1878, by Mr. James Muter, brother of the deceased, who is also with your Petitioner and another an executor of the Will:—"When my late brother William left his money to the Sustentation Fund . . . . of the Presbyterian Church of England, he did so hoping that whilst assisting to support those carrying on God's work in the ministry, it would also assist in establishing Mr. Ross's position, and enable him to carry on with less anxiety the work he had in hand."

12. Because it is wholly to be deprecated that any ground, or even the semblance of a ground, should be permitted to exist for any such allegation as that the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England has been guilty of inflicting an unwarrantable and unjustifiable injury upon a public servant; or that it has been guilty of a flagrant act of bad faith, or even ingratitude, towards one who, upon its own testimony, has "in various ways rendered the Church" "faithful, laborious," and "valuable services" by his "ability, singleness of purpose, unsparing self-devotion," and that "more especially in regard to the Sustentation Fund, which was originally established largely through his energetic efforts, and carried forward from year to year to its present position of success."

13. Because the whole contention about this matter, from first to last, has tended to place your Petitioner, most unjustly, in the invidious position of seeming to desire to hold a Synodical appointment contrary to the wish of the Synod—a desire which your Petitioner emphatically repudiates; his contention being that he declined to recognise the right of a few opposing persons to drive him from his post of duty to which he had been appointed by the Synod, and occupied successfully for six years, and failing in this, to effect his displacement by devices utterly opposed to both the letter and spirit of Presbyterial order.

14. Because as an aggrieved member of the Presbyterian Church of England, and servant of the Synod, your Petitioner ventures respectfully to claim his Presbyterial right of being heard as to the grounds upon which he holds that he has been unjustly dealt with, wronged, and grievously injured.

15. Because of the course the Treasurership and the "Allowance" Committees have followed in the matter of allowance made to your Petitioner by the Synod, in that they have neither paid to him, nor held *in retentis* pending final settlement, but have returned to the donors £485 of the said allowance, because feeling aggrieved, and claiming to reserve his rights, in the event of the case coming again before the Synod, he refused to adhibit his name to a document which in his judgment was both

calculated and evidently intended to forclose all further consideration of the question at issue, and to shut him finally out of court.

Your Petitioner, for these among other reasons, craves the reconsideration of the case in the light of the circumstances of his appointment—the proffered, stipulated, and assured permanent tenure of office, and respectfully claims—

1. That he be recognised as "Secretary to the Sustentation Fund," in terms of his appointment in 1873, with the same tenure of office as that of the pastorate given up by him at the command of the Synod.

2. That the Synod have regard to the unfulfilled inducements, to undertake the work of organising the Sustentation Fund, held out to him and in part minuted on May 6, 1872, in respect of the Home Mission Work being joined with that of the Sustentation Fund, and that the Synod do now honourably implement the same, under such designation as may be agreed upon, Home Secretary or otherwise, but with the same tenure of office.

3. That the necessary instrumentalities, with the needful Synodical protection and support for carrying out efficiently the work entrusted to him, be accorded.

4. That if the Synod declines to implement the conditions of its engagement with him, your Petitioner, in the light of his permanent appointment of 1873, and very especially in the light of the known intentions of the testator, his late personal friend, Mr. William Muter, deceased, in making his bequest to the Synod Treasurers on behalf of the Sustentation Fund of the Presbyterian Church of England, in part with the view of establishment of your Petitioner's position as its Secretary, claims, in lieu of his deprivation of office, an annuity of four hundred pounds sterling per annum, or an amount equivalent thereto, so that justice may be done, and irretrievable loss to him and his family averted.

And your Petitioner will ever pray.

JOHN M. ROSS.

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